



Wexford County

RECREATION AND BUILDING COMMITTEE

Julie Theobald, Chair

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Recreation and Building Committee of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, September 07, 2023, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, third floor, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- E. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 03, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES..... 1
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS
The Committee welcomes all public input.
- G. AGENDA ITEMS
 - 1. Maintenance Report (*A. Kerr*)
 - 2. Civic Center Report (*M. Figliomeni*)
 - 3. Recreation Plan Discussion..... 3
- H. CORRESPONDENCE
- I. ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS
- J. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- K. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
- L. CHAIR COMMENTS
- M. ADJOURN

WEXFORD COUNTY
RECREATION & BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 03, 2023

The Recreation and Building Committee regular meeting was called to order by Chair Julie Theobald at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St. Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Julie Theobald, Jason Baughan, Jason Mitchell, and Ben Townsend
Members Absent: None
Also Present: Mathew Cooke, Networks Northwest; Jami Bigger, Deputy Administrator/HR Director; Mike Figliomeni, Boon Sports Management; and Megan Kujawa, Sr. Exec. Admin. Assistant

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Townsend and supported by Comm. Baughan to approve the agenda. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made Comm. Mitchell and supported by Comm. Baughan to approve the July 06, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. Maintenance Report

Mr. Adam Kerr, Maintenance Director, was not present. A report was provided at the meeting. The report was reviewed and there were no concerns.

G.2. Civic Center Report

Mr. Mike Figliomeni, Boon Sports Management, was present. A report was provided at the meeting. He stated the hockey practice schedule looks good. They are hoping to take on more JV hockey teams to help increase revenue. The new clock should be installed by the end of the month.

G.3. Recreation Plan Discussion

Mr. Cooke from Networks Northwest was present. Mr. Cooke informed the committee that he has been working with Boon Sports Management and the Fair Board for information on projects for the Recreation Plan. He has been in contact with the Commission on Aging about going to the Senior Center to gather input. Mr. Cooke stated that he will be attending the Buckley Old Engine Show along with having a spot at the fair. By the September meeting he will be providing an analysis of the survey.

Comm. Townsend suggested that Mr. Cooke attend the Wings and Wheels event at the airport on August 26, 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Bigger stated that the new sign for the elevator has arrived and that Mr. Kerr was able to get a cover for it and that it will be installed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Comm. Baughan and supported by Comm. Mitchell to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

Julie Theobald, Chair

Megan Kujawa, Recording Secretary

September 7, 2023

To: Wexford County Building and Recreation Committee – Board of Commissioners

Fr: Mathew Cooke, Community Planner

Re: Wexford County Parks and Recreation Plan

Draft Chapter: Process

Attached for your review is the draft Process chapter, which includes information on the public input collected and survey analysis. I have also attached the raw survey data for your review.

Community Pop-Up Sessions and Community Input Event

I attended the Buckley Old Engine Show and Northern District Fair offering attendees the opportunity to respond to 4 questions. To be transparent, while many crossed our location, we did not receive many comments at these two events but the information gained is still helpful. Because the Senior Expo is not until the end of September, I have contacted the Library about setting up the display board at the library to gather more responses. I would also anticipate asking the County if there is a space available at the County building.

I am planning for the Community Open House to take place at the end of September at the Library. My intention is to utilize the goals and objectives and action plan we discuss today to develop materials for further input. This will be synthesized for the October meeting where we will consider the goals, objectives, and action plan again. I will bring with me, and send electronically, a flier for distribution, in addition to a press release and social media postings to advertise the event. I would anticipate this to be a 4pm to 7pm drop in event.

Goals and Objectives

Previously I sent out the previous plan Goals and Objectives and Action Plan for us to consider and use as a base. I have attached them again with checkmarks for your use if you would like. As I considered additional goals and objectives, I realized many that I came up with seemed redundant or were covered already, such as the parking lot replacement at the Wex or supporting accessibility. At the end of the document, I did list out some observations I gathered for your consideration that we can apply as objectives or action plans. Please feel free to offer up any suggestions you may have for the goals, objectives, or action plan at the meeting!

Draft Plan & Next Steps

Thank you again for your patience with this process. I have begun formatting the plan into a more visually appealing document with pictures and graphs. We are in the process of developing the maps to include in the plan. I expect to have a full, formatted draft for your review before the October meeting. I intend for the October meeting to hold a review of the goals and objectives, action plan, and any other draft plan review or comments. This leads us to a November consideration of approval for the public comment period, and a December consideration of approval, with January as a buffer month if needed.

Process and Public Input

Process

Wexford County contracted with Networks Northwest for the development of the Parks and Recreation Plan. The process began in early 2023 with the final approval of the plan coming on December XX, 2023. The development of the plan began with a survey, followed by multiple public input opportunities, Recreation and Building Committee meetings, and meetings with staff.

Survey Analysis

After review of the previous plan, a survey was developed and reviewed by the Wexford County Recreation and Building Committee and released the 2023 Wexford County Parks and Recreation Survey. The survey was released in March of 2023 and extended for additional response until August 31, 2023. The survey was advertised through multiple press releases, social media, survey business cards, local units of government, and local organizations. Full results of the survey can be found in **Appendix XX**. 464 responses were received during the survey response period of which nearly 88% were permanent or seasonal residents of Wexford County.

The City of Cadillac was the most populous jurisdiction for response with 144, followed by Cherry Grove Township (49) and Haring Township (40). Seasonal residents lived nearby in areas like Grawn and Grand Rapids and as far as North Carolina. For those who do not reside in Wexford County, many lived in the surrounding counties and even Chicago and Cape Cod. The 61 to 70 years old bracket brought in the most responses at 102, followed closely by 41 to 50 (97), 51 to 60 years old (78) and 31 to 40 years old (72). Additionally, 80 respondents provided an email address to be sent the digital draft Parks and Recreation Plan once the public comment period commences.

When asked about the recreational activities that households enjoy, Walking was selected the most at 367, followed by Festivals (257), Hiking (245), Biking and Concerts (both 238) and Kayaking (237). Other activities that received over 200 selections included Nature/Wildlife Viewing, Camping, and Other. Other selections provided by respondents included Swimming, Boating, Mountain Biking, and Hockey amongst others.

Just over 87% of respondents participated in recreational activities at least once a week or more. 17% marked daily, 31% for 4 to 6 times a week and 28% for 2 to 3 times a week. The primary reason for recreational activity was Physical Health (41%), Mental Health (21%), and Socialization (13%). Other reasons included Family Time, all of the options, and general enjoyment. Over 15% of respondents identified barriers that prevent them from using or participating in recreational opportunities. The most common barriers included accessibility (physical and financial), awareness of opportunities, and safety and cleanliness.

When asked what recreational opportunities should be added or expanded in Wexford County, Concerts was the most selected at 107. This was followed by Walking (91), Pickleball (90), Festivals (87) and Biking (81). Other activities identified included Swimming, Mountain Biking, youth related activities, and Dog Park were amongst the responses. In looking at what facilities the County could use more of Facilities for 60 plus year olds was selected 63 times with Facilities for Winter Activities and Trails - off-road, unimproved (53 each) and Natural Areas (50) following.

The Wexford Civic Center is the most popular County park with just under 50% using it Occasionally or Often, while Pinoco Park was never used by 85% of respondents. The Northern District Fairgrounds was rarely or never used by just under 80%. The Civic Center Auditorium is the most used (45%), followed by the Ice Arena (26%) and the Fairgrounds (23%). The Wexford Civic Center (39%) was also the most selected for where improvements would be liked to be made. This was followed by Northern District Fairgrounds (30%) and Pinoco Park (7%). There were various other items mentioned by respondents such as pickleball courts, Lake Mitchell area, bathrooms, and trail improvements.

When asked for specific improvements at the County Parks, plenty of ideas were generated for each park. In regards to the Civic Center some of the projects mentioned included better bathrooms, pickleball (indoor and outdoor), general updates and repairs, more activities and improved parking. The Northern District Fairgrounds potential improvements included improvements to the grandstands and other buildings, more activities and events, improved parking and accessibility, and landscaping and beautification. Improvement ideas at Pinoco Park included signage, marketing of property, facilities (bathrooms, picnic tables, playground) and activities (walking path, disc golf).

Almost 140 respondents marked a location on the map where they felt a park could be added in Wexford County (see Map xx). Additionally, they were asked to provide what they would like to see at their selected location. While Pickleball was the most commonly selected, other considerations included picnic areas, playgrounds, walking, hiking, and biking trails, campground, waterfront access, and amenities such as splash pads, tennis courts, disc golf and basketball courts.

Over 35% of responses supported the goal of *“Provide recreation facilities that are available to residents of all ages and abilities, and that are operated on a year-round basis.”*. This was followed by *“Maintain and improve existing County parks and recreation facilities.”* (33%) and *“Support and promote Wexford County as a trail destination with an interconnected trail system.”* (25%). Other Goals to Consider included improvements to fairgrounds, outdoor recreation opportunities, and improvements to existing County parks.

An open ended question was asked for ways the County can achieve the goal of providing recreation to all, and that are opened year round. Ideas generated included increasing funding for parks, partnering with local organizations and communities, maintenance of existing facilities, and the promotion of recreation opportunities. Next they were asked how the County can maintain and improve existing County parks. Ideas generated included increased funding, maintenance of parks and recreation facilities, improvements to existing parks, and the promotion of the parks. Lastly, they were asked to identify ways the County can support being a trail destination with an interconnected system. Responses included connecting trails, maintenance of trails, promotion of trails, improved signage, and amenities such as parking and bathrooms.

The next question asked for projects that the County can consider. There were many ideas that were generated from this including pickleball courts, bike trails, outdoor recreation, improvements to existing facilities, and more events. Lastly, respondents were given the opportunity to provide any comments regarding the Wexford County Parks and Recreation system. The common themes from the comments included maintenance, accessibility, new facilities to provide new opportunities, more events, and better marketing.

Community Pop-Up Session Analysis

Networks Northwest staff attended five different events throughout the process to offer an opportunity for public participation. Staff talked to residents and handed out survey business cards at the Manton Farmers Market (June 9, 2023 from 3pm to 6pm) and at

the Freedom Festival Car Show (July 5, 2023 from 11am to 2pm) to elicit more survey responses.

In addition to these, staff attended the Buckley Old Engine Show (August 18, 2023 from 2pm to 5pm), Northern District Fair (August 19, 2023 from 12pm to 3pm), and the Wexford County Senior Expo (September 28, 2023 from XX to XX). At these events, a tri-fold display board with four questions was presented for the public to respond (see Figure xx). The questions presented for response were:

1. Wexford County owns The Wexford Civic Center, the Northern District Fairgrounds, and Pinoco Park. What are some improvements that could be made to The Wex and Fairgrounds?
2. What do you like and/or dislike about the Wexford County Parks and Recreation system?
3. What are the most important needs of the community, relating to Parks and Recreation?
4. Pinoco Park is an undeveloped 40 acre property located in Boon Township. What are some ideas for improving the property to encourage use?

Pop Up Session Analysis - To be completed post Senior Expo

School Input Session Analysis

Networks Northwest facilitated student planning sessions at Cadillac High School and Manton Middle School. This included three 9th grade government classes, a 6th grade social studies class and one 6th grade science class.

Both classes were given 22 park amenity icons and were asked to design their perfect park. The high school students were allowed 8 amenity icons and the middle students were able to choose 6, both told that park projects have budgets and that not every feature can be included. Working in groups of 2-5, the students arranged the icons on a sheet of paper representing an open space and used markers to draw additional park features such as pathways, parking, water and landscaping. Full results can be found in Appendix XX.

Amenity	Middle School	High School
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Restrooms	15	26
Picnic Tables	7	19
Playground	9	18
Walking Path	-	17
Basketball Court	-	14
Kayak/Boat Launch	10	-
Camping	8	-
Dog Park	7	-

Community Open House Analysis

To be developed after Community Open House

Wexford County Goals and Objectives Worksheet

Below are the current plan goals and their objectives, as well as the action plan items. Following that, you will see some ideas that we can expand into projects or objectives. We can make any changes, removal or addition of any goal, objective or action plan item at the September and October meetings. I highlighted the HVAC projects as I was unsure if both were replaced or just one.

- Current Goal: Provide recreation facilities that are available to residents of all ages and abilities, and that are operated on a year-round basis.**
 - Objectives**
 - Expand recreation opportunities throughout Wexford County
 - Encourage the use of the Wex facilities for a variety of activities
 - Explore potential uses of Pinoco Park Objective Pursue barrier-free features at Wexford County owned recreation facilities
 - Support local efforts that enhance recreational opportunities in the County
 - Encourage a diverse range of recreation opportunities throughout the County
 - Provide more opportunities for the general public to enjoy the County Fairgrounds year-round
 - Encourage trail projects for all four seasons and for all trail users, including motorized and non-motorized uses as well as for accessibility.
 - Encourage and support the improvement and expansion of recreation activities in all communities throughout Wexford County
 - Support enhanced communications and marketing efforts of recreation opportunities in Wexford County
 - Support improved signage and wayfinding
 - Encourage development of barrier free facilities at all parks and recreation sites
 - Support improved water access to the County’s lakes and rivers
 - Support development of barrier free water access facilities
- Current Goal: Maintain and improve existing County parks and recreation facilities.**
 - Objectives**
 - Continue to support maintenance of the County’s recreation facilities
 - Provide for ongoing funding to provide maintenance and improvements at County facilities
 - Provide improvements to the Wexford Ice Arena and Wexford Civic Arena/Auditorium

- Current Goal: Support and promote Wexford County as a trail destination with an interconnected trail system**
 - Objectives**
 - Support the construction, improvement, and maintenance of trails and trail crossings to connect with the existing trail network and to communities within and around Wexford County
 - Support trail development in and around Wexford County
 - Promote the use of designated trails for a variety of activities, including motorized and non-motorized uses
 - Support and coordinate with local, state, and federal governments and partner organizations, including the Cadillac Trails Collaborative
 - Support marketing efforts that promote Wexford County as a trail destination
 - Support more continuous user experiences for motorized and non-motorized trail users, including more connections to communities and other trails
 - Support trail events in Wexford County such as the Bear Claw Epic
 - Support and encourage collaborative trail projects
 - Support the creation and development of water trails
 - Support motorized and non-motorized trail connections to communities within and around Wexford County Objective Support improved trail signage and wayfinding

Action Plan

Current:

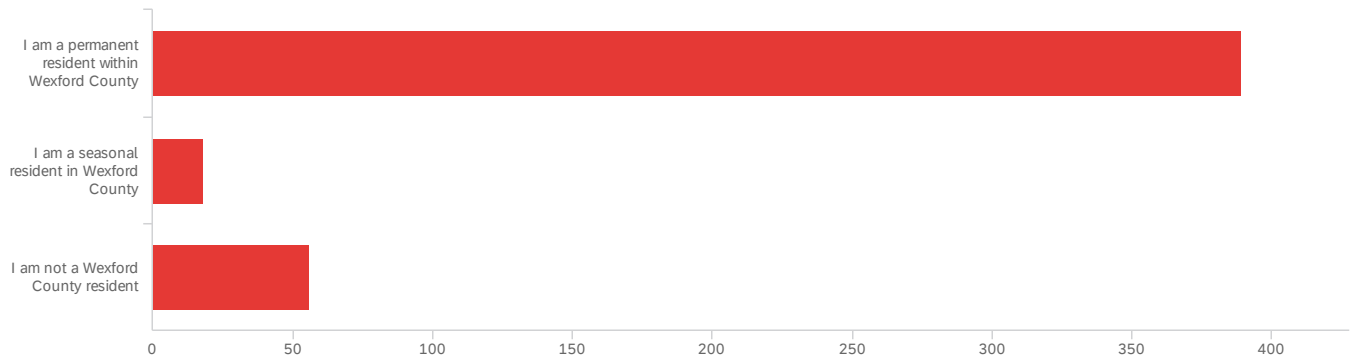
- Maintain an updated 5-year recreation plan in support of recreation activities and to help ensure grant funding eligibility through the MDNR
- Replace HVAC in the Auditorium/Civic Arena at the Wexford Civic Center
- Replace HVAC in the Ice Arena at the Wexford Civic Center
- Replace the roof of the Auditorium/Civic Arena at the Wexford Civic Center
- Replace the parking lot at the Wexford Civic Center
- Support an inventory of the facilities at the Fairgrounds and explore additional uses of the facilities
- Improve signage at County Recreation facilities
- Build relationships with a diversity of groups to encourage use of the County’s facilities for a diversity of uses and interests through all four seasons
- Coordinate and cooperatively promote activities and events at County facilities
- Encourage and support wayfinding signage for recreation facilities throughout the County
- Encourage and support coordination of trail development projects within and connecting to Wexford County

- Support trail development by acting as the grant applicant for trail development projects or by providing letters of support to grant applicants, and by participating in local and regional trail planning efforts
- Support the development of trailheads along motorized and non-motorized trails
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- Support maintenance, improvements, extensions, and connections to area trails including the White Pine Trail, North Country Trail, Manistee River Trail, Mackenzie Trail, Cadillac Pathway, Betsie Valley Trail, DNR designated snowmobile trails, and designated ORV and ATV routes.
- Support the extension of a snowmobile trail from Cadillac to Manton, and from Manton to both Lake City and Fife Lake
- Encourage and support connecting the White Pine Trail to the Betsie Valley Trail
- Explore and support opportunities to expand the White Pine trail north towards the Traverse City area.
- Encourage and support Pure Michigan Trail Town designations

Ideas for Consideration:

- Explore rehabilitation of Octagon Building - Ticket Booth?
- Signage at Pinoco Park
- Picnic Tables at Pinoco Park
- Paved Walking Paths at The Wex
- Outdoor Pickleball Courts at The Wex
- Pinoco Park Development Plan
- Establish a Parks and Recreation budget
- Utilize CIP for park improvements
- Fairgrounds LED Lights at Horse Arena
- Fairgrounds PA System
- Fairgrounds Electronic Sign
- Outdoor Concert Space

Q1 - Are you a permanent resident of Wexford County?

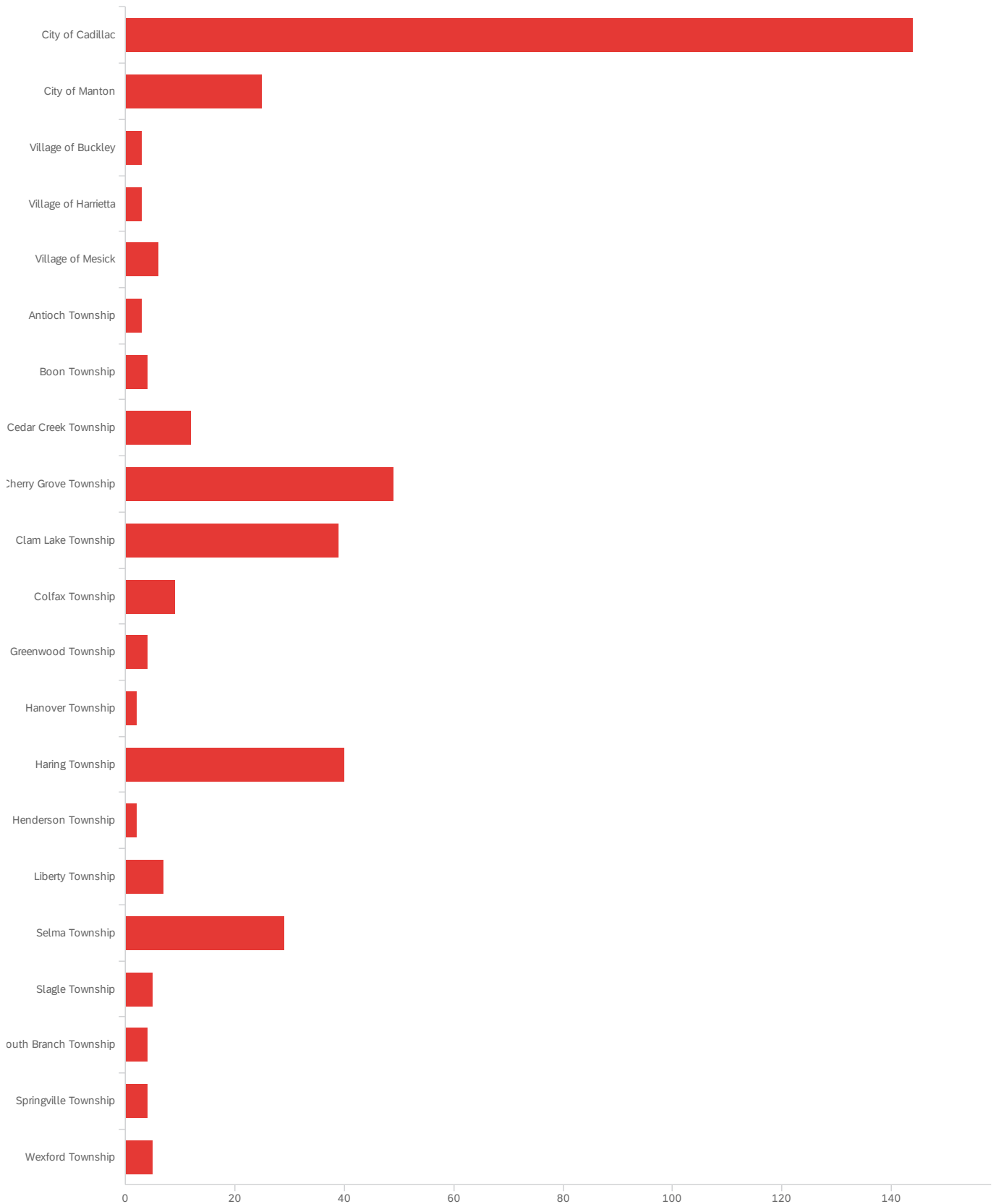


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Are you a permanent resident of Wexford County?	1.00	3.00	1.28	0.67	0.44	463

#	Field	Choice Count
1	I am a permanent resident within Wexford County	84.02% 389
2	I am a seasonal resident in Wexford County	3.89% 18
3	I am not a Wexford County resident	12.10% 56
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Q1.2 - Please select the City, Village, or Township you reside in.



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Please select the City, Village, or Township you reside in.	1.00	21.00	7.36	6.16	37.91	399

#	Field	Choice	Count
1	City of Cadillac	36.09%	144
2	City of Manton	6.27%	25
3	Village of Buckley	0.75%	3
4	Village of Harrietta	0.75%	3
5	Village of Mesick	1.50%	6
6	Antioch Township	0.75%	3
7	Boon Township	1.00%	4
8	Cedar Creek Township	3.01%	12
9	Cherry Grove Township	12.28%	49
10	Clam Lake Township	9.77%	39
11	Colfax Township	2.26%	9
12	Greenwood Township	1.00%	4
13	Hanover Township	0.50%	2
14	Haring Township	10.03%	40
15	Henderson Township	0.50%	2
16	Liberty Township	1.75%	7
17	Selma Township	7.27%	29
18	Slagle Township	1.25%	5
19	South Branch Township	1.00%	4
20	Springville Township	1.00%	4
21	Wexford Township	1.25%	5
			399

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Q1.3 - When I am not in Wexford County, I reside in

When I am not in Wexford County, I reside in

Cadillac

New Jersey

Grand Rapids, MI

Wayne County

Lansing area

North Carolina

Grawn

Harrietta

Lake township

grand rapids

Wayne county

Honor MI

Q1.4 - If you are not a Wexford County resident, please specify your community of residence.

If you are not a Wexford County resident, please specify your community of...

I work in Wexford County but I live in Osceola.

harrietta

Missaukee

Mcbain

Missaukee

Missaukee

Osceola County

Missaukee County

Chicago and Cape Cod

I live on Seeley, so just over the county line. I work and my kids go to school in wexford

Missaukee County

Missaukee and work in Wexford

Missaukee

Marion, Mi

McBain

Missaukee County, just outside of Cadillac

Tustin Osceola County

Missaukee

Ogemaw County

McBain

If you are not a Wexford County resident, please specify your community of...

East Bay Township (Traverse City)

Genesee County

Manistee

Manistee

Fife Lake

Manton resident in Missaukee County

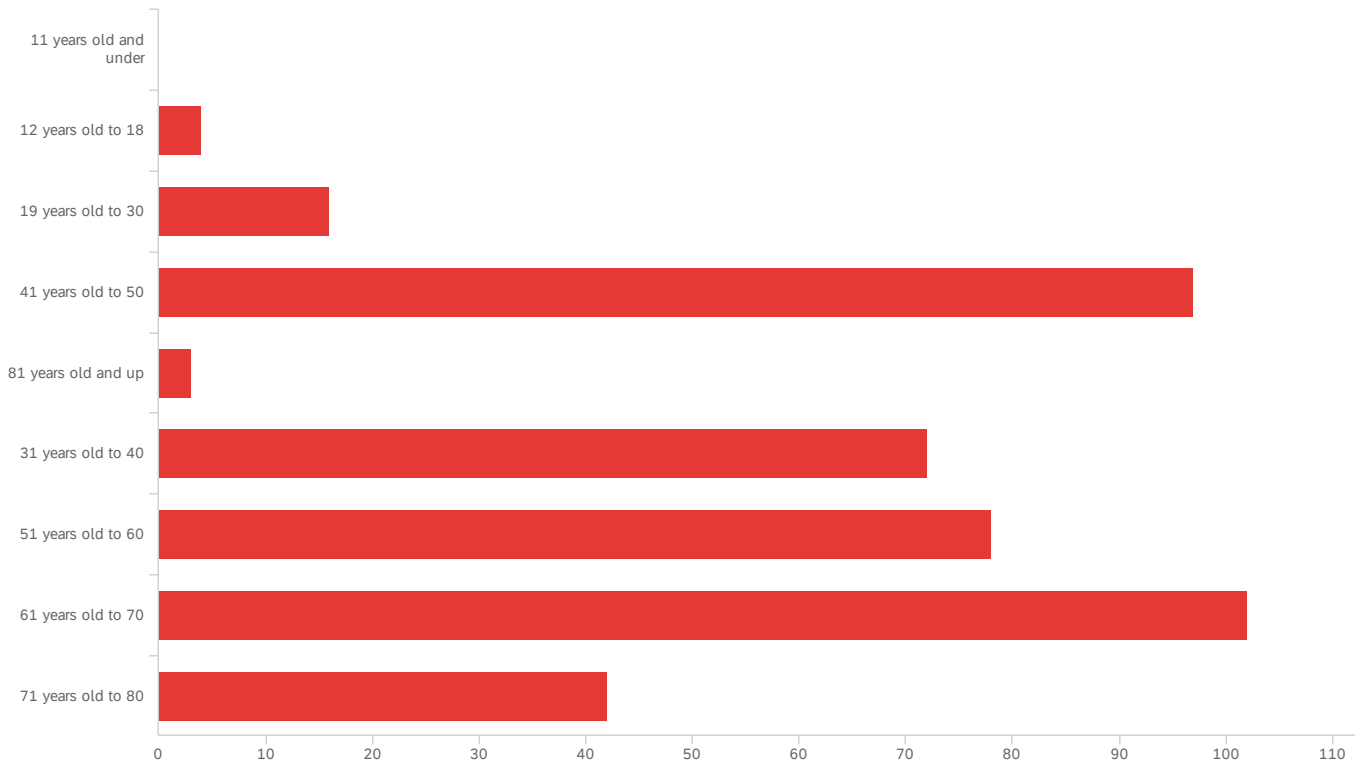
Roscommon County

Missaukee county

Osceola, Tustin. Work and spend all time in Wexford

Missaukee County but work and play in Wexford County.

Q2 - Please identify your age group.



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Please identify your age group.	2.00	9.00	6.36	1.85	3.41	414

#	Field	Choice Count
1	11 years old and under	0.00% 0
2	12 years old to 18	0.97% 4
3	19 years old to 30	3.86% 16
4	41 years old to 50	23.43% 97
5	81 years old and up	0.72% 3
6	31 years old to 40	17.39% 72
7	51 years old to 60	18.84% 78
8	61 years old to 70	24.64% 102
9	71 years old to 80	10.14% 42

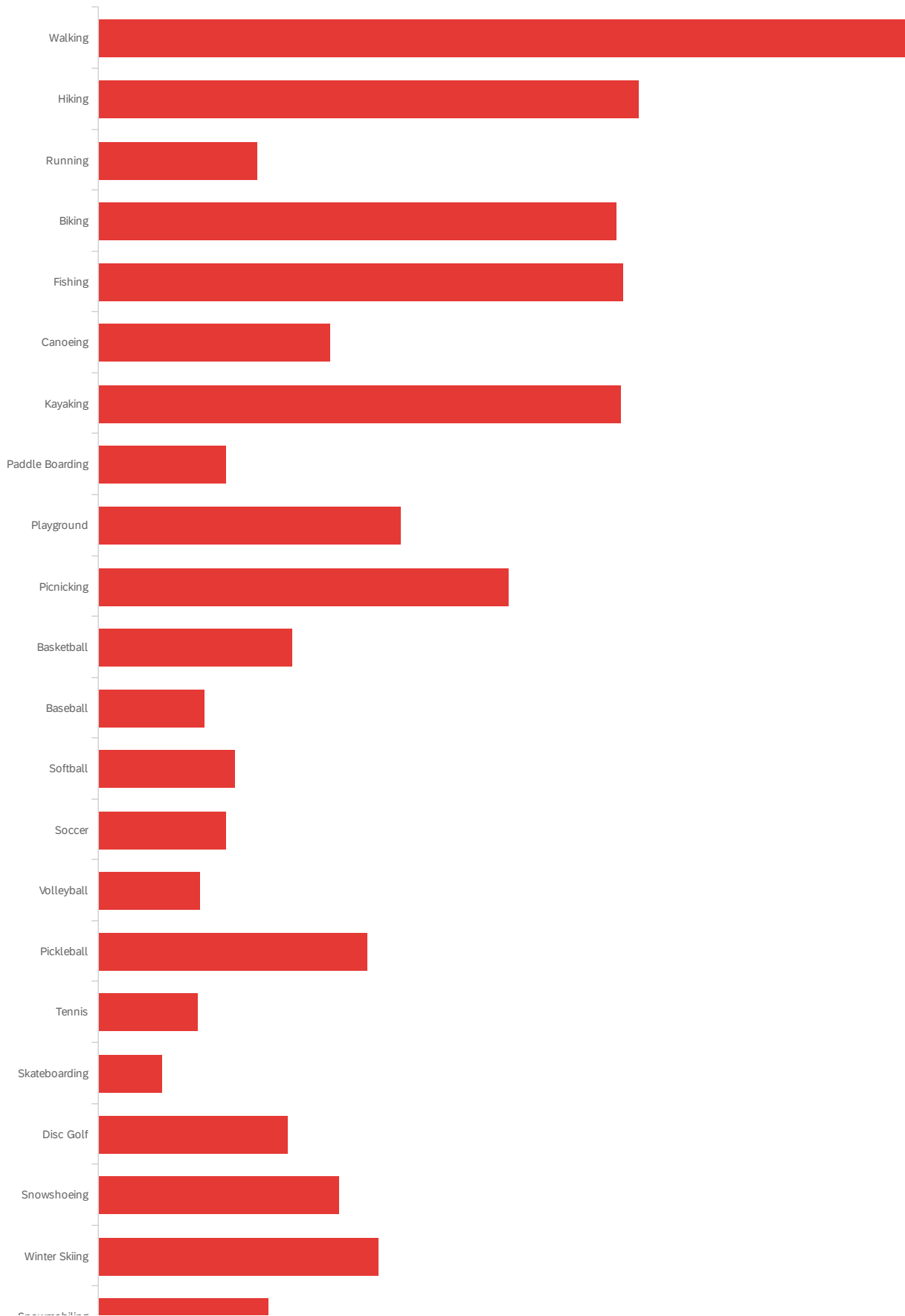
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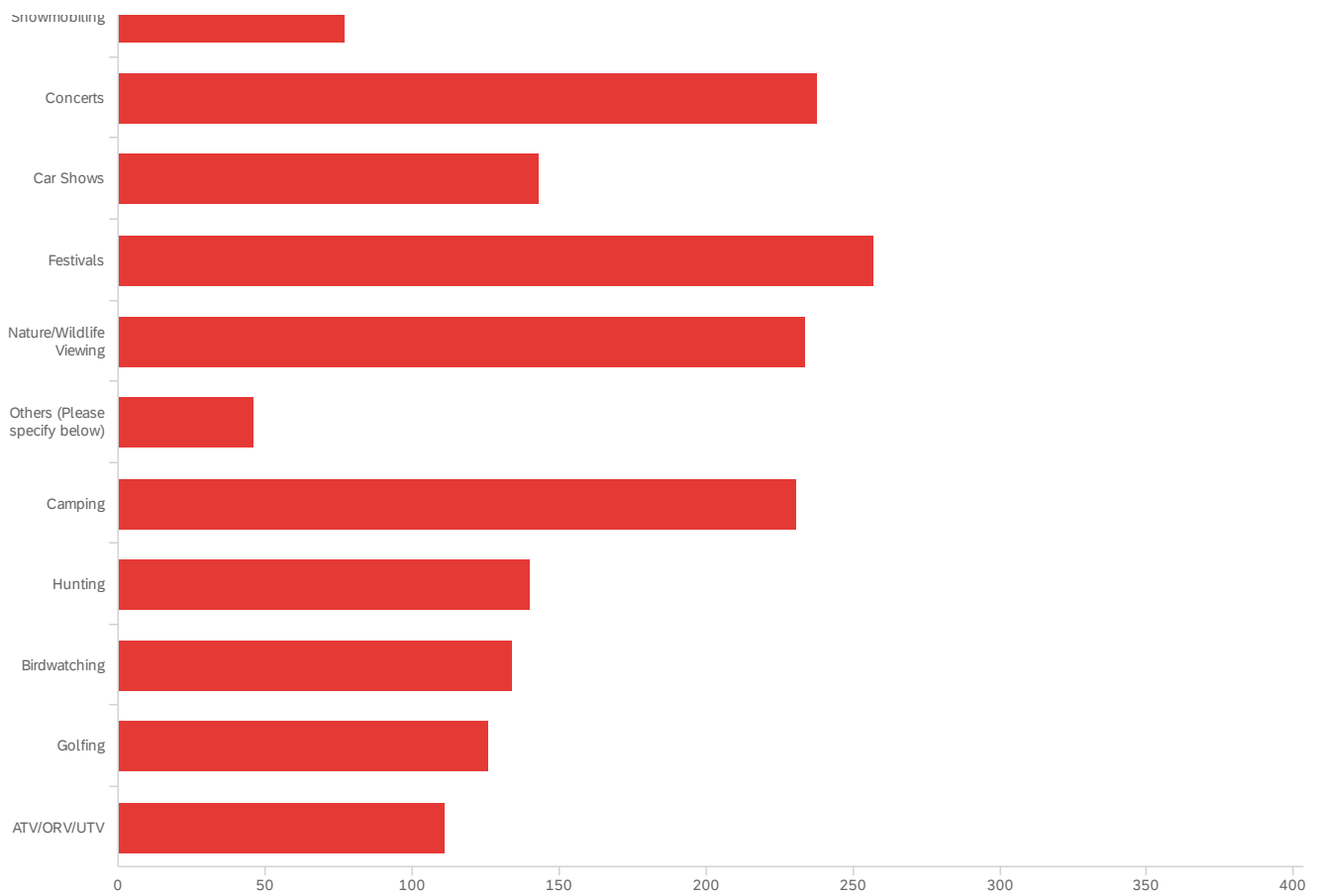
Choice Count

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Q3 - What recreational activities does your household enjoy? Select all that apply.





#	Field	Choice Count
1	Walking	8.27% 367
2	Hiking	5.52% 245
3	Running	1.62% 72
4	Biking	5.30% 235
5	Fishing	5.36% 238
6	Canoeing	2.37% 105
7	Kayaking	5.34% 237
8	Paddle Boarding	1.31% 58
9	Playground	3.09% 137
10	Picnicking	4.19% 186
11	Basketball	1.98% 88
12	Baseball	1.08% 48
13	Softball	1.40% 62
14	Soccer	1.31% 58

#	Field	Choice Count
15	Volleyball	1.04% 46
16	Pickleball	2.75% 122
17	Tennis	1.01% 45
18	Skateboarding	0.65% 29
19	Disc Golf	1.94% 86
20	Snowshoeing	2.46% 109
21	Winter Skiing	2.86% 127
22	Snowmobiling	1.74% 77
23	Concerts	5.36% 238
24	Car Shows	3.22% 143
25	Festivals	5.79% 257
26	Nature/Wildlife Viewing	5.27% 234
27	Others (Please specify below)	1.04% 46
28	Camping	5.21% 231
29	Hunting	3.16% 140
30	Birdwatching	3.02% 134
31	Golfing	2.84% 126
32	ATV/ORV/UTV	2.50% 111

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Q5_27_TEXT - Others (Please specify below)

Others (Please specify below)

Swimming

Disc Golfing

Boating

Any outdoors activity nit mentioned

Swimming

Others (Please specify below)

Motorcycle riding

Hockey

Resisted exercise, HIIT

Boating

Water Park

Sail Boat (Sunfish)

Snowboarding

Rodeos, truck and tractor pulls

Wexford County Gair

Outdoor concerts, wildlife trails

Dancing, yard games, personal fitness

Splash pad

Horseback riding

XC skiing

Hockey

Boating

wading and swimming at beach

Handicapped accessible trails and beaches.

Boating

Lake

Rails-to-Trails

Archery; trap & 5-stand (shotgun events); horseback riding on trails

Swimming Sunbathing

power boating

Others (Please specify below)

Hockey

Cross country skiing

hockey

Mountain biking. It bothers me this didn't make your list. Do you know it's the mountain bike community that builds and maintains the trails at the Cadillac Pathway!?! And also built and grooms the Winter Sports trail there for snowshoeing, hiking, and skiing!?! Your lack of inclusion of bikers would be similar if you were doing a survey on road use and didn't include car owners. Very disappointing.

Ice hockey

Foraging

Geocaching

Roller Skating- Outside and Inside Horseback Riding/Trail Riding

We have some health issues that have limited our ability to enjoy all the activities that we used to enjoy. I selected activities that we currently enjoy and some that we have enjoyed earlier. One can hope. :)

group activities with others of similar

Rollerblading

Boating

Ice hockey, why would this not be in the list?

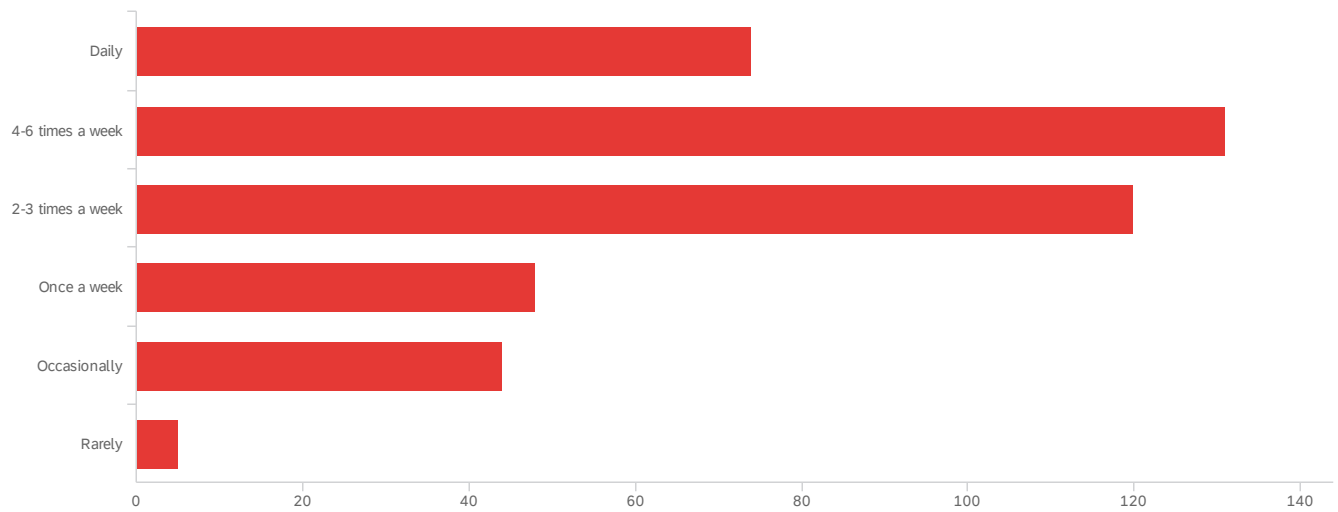
Photography

snowmobiling

Would love to see more concerts.

Geocaching

Q4 - How often do you participate in recreational activity each week?



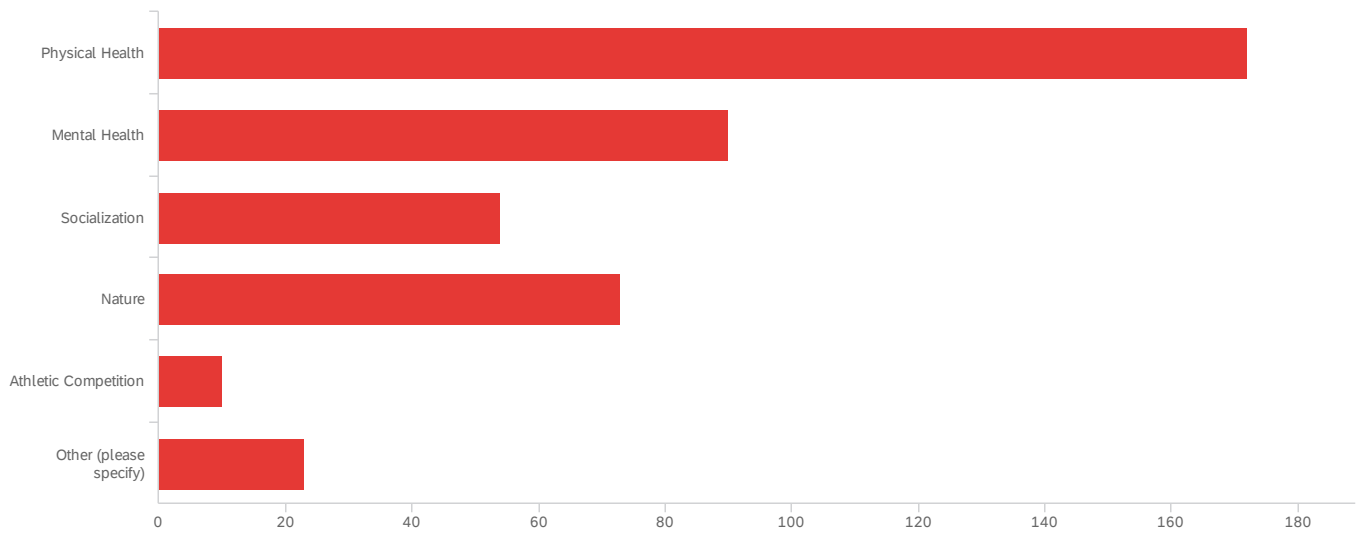
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	How often do you participate in recreational activity each week?	1.00	6.00	2.70	1.25	1.56	422

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Daily	17.54% 74
2	4-6 times a week	31.04% 131
3	2-3 times a week	28.44% 120
4	Once a week	11.37% 48
5	Occasionally	10.43% 44
6	Rarely	1.18% 5

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Q5 - What is the primary reason for your recreational activity?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	What is the primary reason for your recreational activity? - Selected Choice	1.00	6.00	2.36	1.48	2.19	422

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Physical Health	40.76% 172
2	Mental Health	21.33% 90
3	Socialization	12.80% 54
4	Nature	17.30% 73
5	Athletic Competition	2.37% 10
6	Other (please specify)	5.45% 23

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Q8_6_TEXT - Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

Family Time and physical health

Other (please specify)

Enjoy outdoors activities weather permitted

Spending quality time with Gkids

Why not

Enjoyment

Elderly Activities

Enjoyment, exercise, keeping busy and nature

Quality time with family

All the above

We have kids

All of it! Mental, physical, social, competition

All of the above

Getting fresh air

All the above

Enjoyment

all of the above

Total wellness

Geocaching

Family time

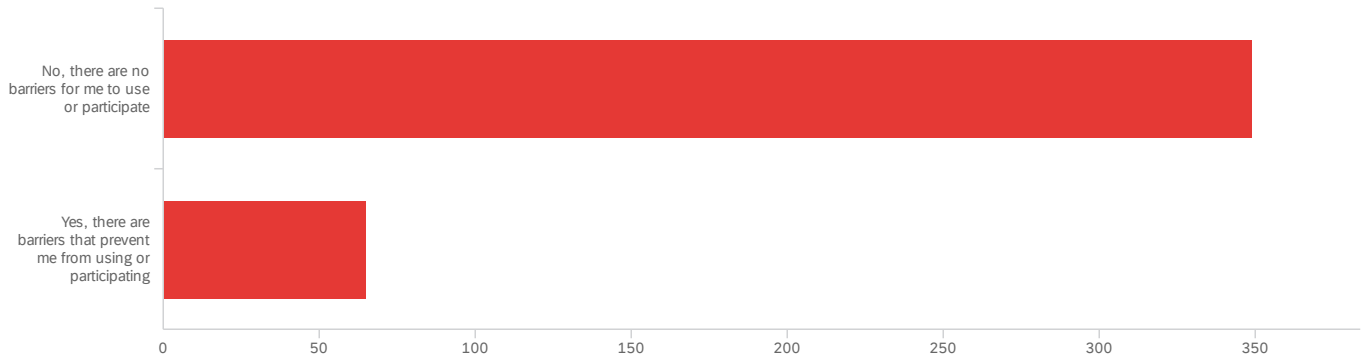
Family fun

All of the above except 5.

All of the above

Family time

Q6 - Are there barriers that prevent you from participating or using Wexford County parks or recreational assets?



#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Are there barriers that prevent you from participating or using Wexford County parks or recreational assets?	1.00	2.00	1.16	0.36	0.13	414

#	Field	Choice	Count
1	No, there are no barriers for me to use or participate	84.30%	349
2	Yes, there are barriers that prevent me from using or participating	15.70%	65
			414

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Q6.2 - If yes, please specify the barriers. As a reminder, this survey does not and will not have identifying information to responses.

If yes, please specify the barriers. As a reminder, this survey does not an...

Not barrier free, poorly maintained, lack of signage.

I have feet problems and its hard for me to stand/walk for long periods of time.

Financial

Limited multi court pickleball venues

Too few pickleball courts.

We live in Benzie County

Getting onto the calendar to rent a space

Wheelchair

Some of the parks we like to frequent have not been taken care of properly.

All the garbage and drug alcohol trash laying around

Sometimes there isnt enough shade, esspcilay with small kids. More shade at the splash pad would be great!

Close handicap parking, inability to walk more than short distance without having to sit down/rest

Not enough pickleball courts

Few pickleball courts to play outside. We need more than the two being built near pathway

Not enough available parking to always walk by Lake Cadillac in the evening, especially in the summer.

poorly maintained facilities

I am not aware of any beaches near Mesick with a walkway to the water for use by wheelchair or someone with a walker. I also am not aware of any trails near Mesick that are handicapped accessible.

No bathrooms; weather; courts full

Not everything is accessible relative to my mobility ussyes, especially in the winter

The blue playground by the lake does not feel safe for me and my family.

If yes, please specify the barriers. As a reminder, this survey does not an...

We need a bike trail on 41 Road to connect the neighborhoods and Mackinaw Trail Middle School with the Lake area and the White Pine Trail.

Lack of facilities (a public archery range - Carl T Johnsons is not open to public)

The availability of county facilities is much too limited. I don't feel the county actually cares about recreation.

Handicap accessibly

Lack of knowledge of available places/activities

No snowmobile access to downtown Cadillac merchants

Money

Not enough for young kids

Several trails have been blocked by the Wexford County Road Commission and or the DNR. Several roads have had bridges washed out and not replaced over the years. It's also a safety issue with no access for fire departments.

Awareness of opportunities, need family friendly access

Wexford county provides close to nothing in the City even though as a city resident I pay both City and County taxes. I receive back very reduced benefits

Limited recreation options, not always available/open/clean, not always families using the facilities

Lack of enough trails and infrastructure.

The gates to the diggins hill tennis courts are always locked.

Not enough safe walking opportunities around Manton.

Mobility issues due to physical disability

Barriers to knowing choices, detailed access data and safety. Not all folks have smart phones. Local tv reporters and drones coverages are helpful; Cadillac News, and TC Record-Eagle outdoor activity sites and concert articles are good; brochures and printed guides at Visitors Bureau, also good.

Use a wheelchair around town

financial, transportation,

Financial

There are no parks, public nature areas, or trails near me in Buckley

Way too many trails on state land blocked off. This definitely hinders access and is a major fire hazard for our local firefighters and residents.

drug needles found on the ground

If yes, please specify the barriers. As a reminder, this survey does not an...

Lack of restrooms that are open all the time. Sidewalks are not maintained.

Handicap accessibility

Work too much

Too many people.

Way to many needles and shady Individuals by the River walkway.

Not set for disabilities

health issues , not elderly friendly

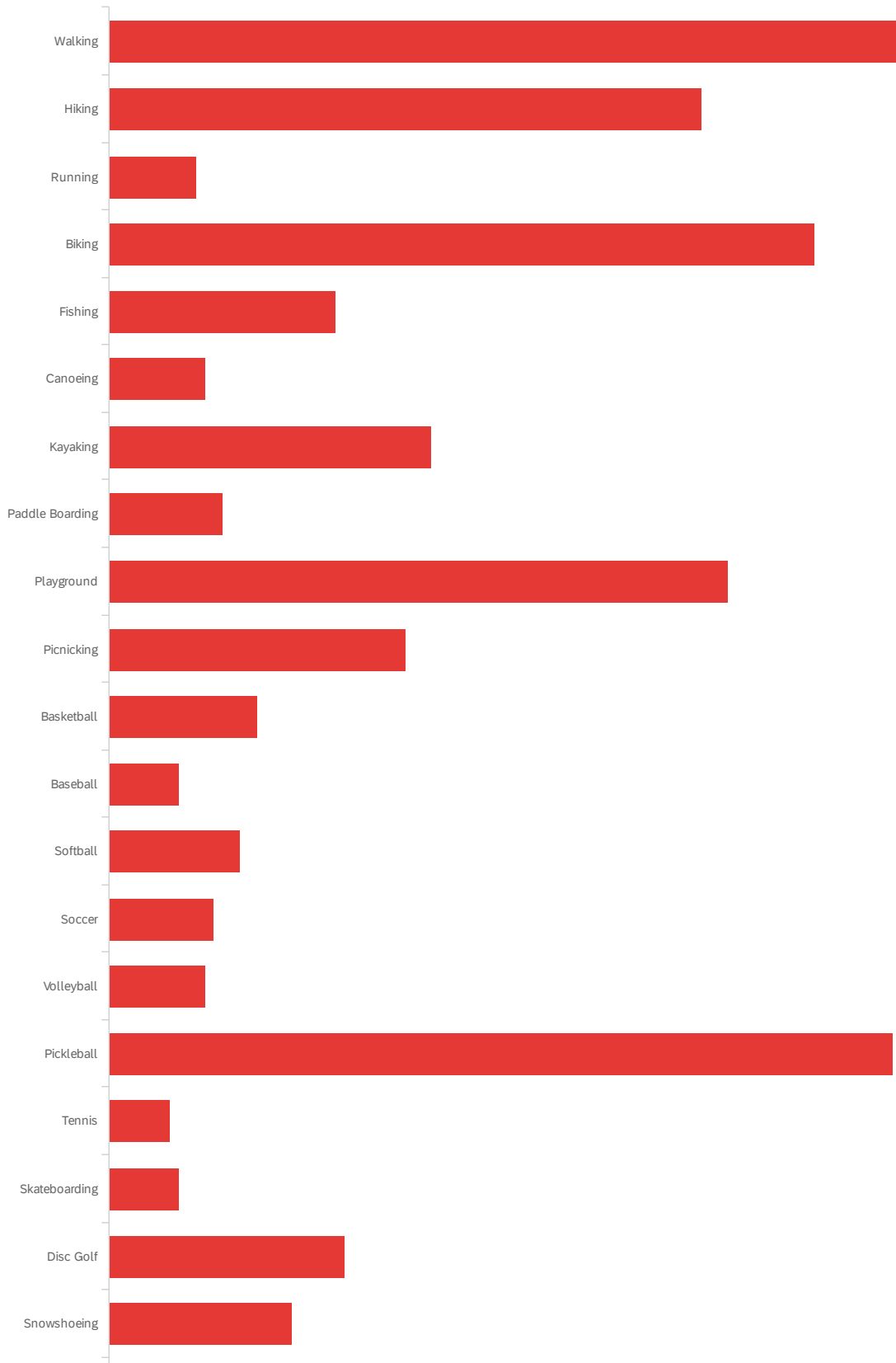
Walking, biking

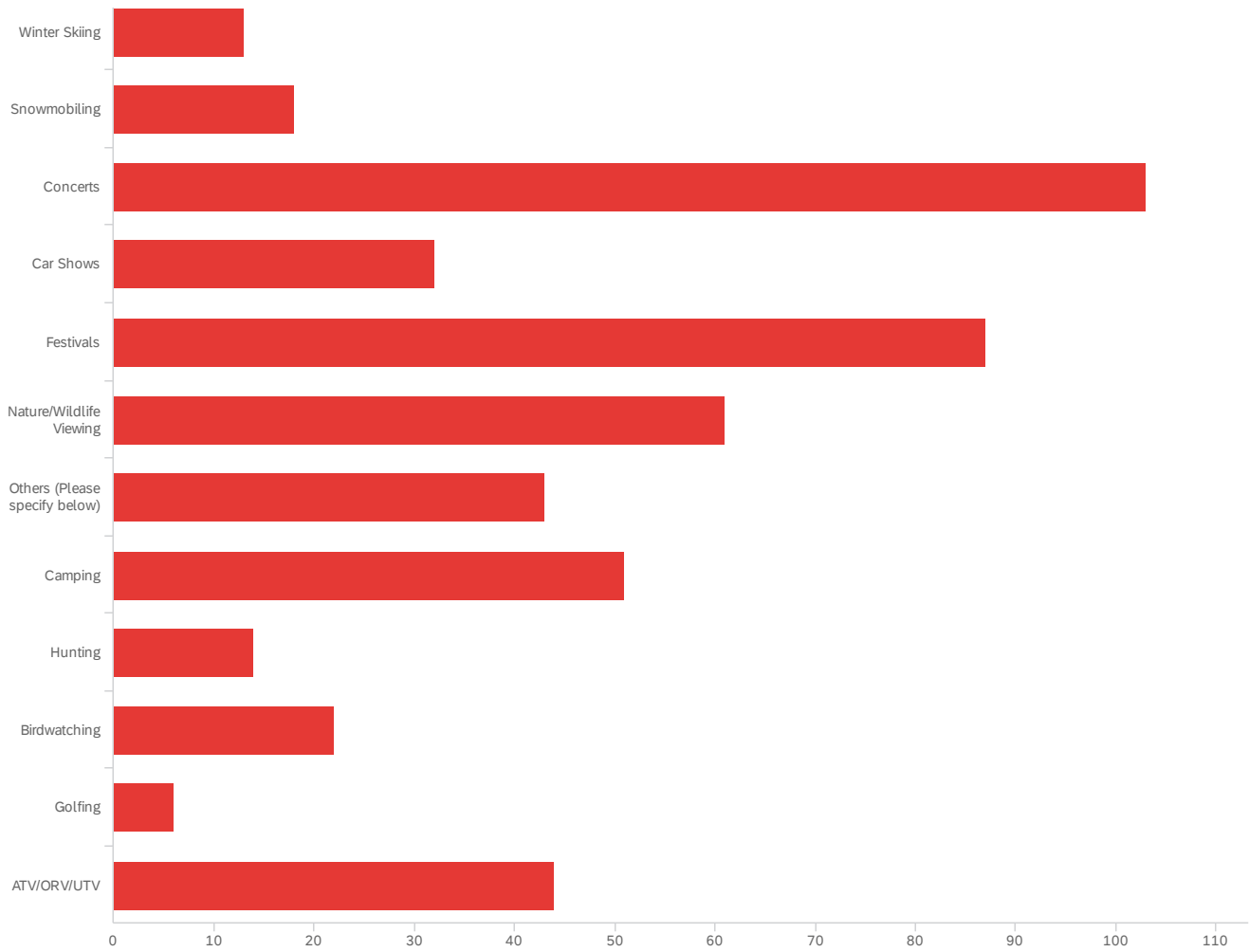
The pavilion is not very handicap friendly. There should be a ramp going down the center of it with a railing.

Roadways are not maintained and parking issues

Q7 - What new or expanded recreational opportunities are needed in Wexford County?

Please select your top 3.





#	Field	Choice Count
1	Walking	7.90% 91
2	Hiking	5.90% 68
3	Running	0.87% 10
4	Biking	7.03% 81
5	Fishing	2.26% 26
6	Canoeing	0.95% 11
7	Kayaking	3.21% 37
8	Paddle Boarding	1.13% 13
9	Playground	6.16% 71
10	Picnicking	2.95% 34
11	Basketball	1.48% 17
12	Baseball	0.69% 8

#	Field	Choice Count
13	Softball	1.30% 15
14	Soccer	1.04% 12
15	Volleyball	0.95% 11
16	Pickleball	7.81% 90
17	Tennis	0.61% 7
18	Skateboarding	0.69% 8
19	Disc Golf	2.34% 27
20	Snowshoeing	1.82% 21
21	Winter Skiing	1.13% 13
22	Snowmobiling	1.56% 18
23	Concerts	8.94% 103
24	Car Shows	2.78% 32
25	Festivals	7.55% 87
26	Nature/Wildlife Viewing	5.30% 61
27	Others (Please specify below)	3.73% 43
28	Camping	4.43% 51
29	Hunting	1.22% 14
30	Birdwatching	1.91% 22
31	Golfing	0.52% 6
32	ATV/ORV/UTV	3.82% 44

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Q7_27_TEXT - Others (Please specify below)

Others (Please specify below)

Swimming

Small playgrounds in area that do not have any

additional professionally designed MTB trails

Others (Please specify below)

Water skiing

Swimming- better beaches needed.

Definitely need more outdoor pickleball courts. Even though 2 new courts were opened this year, the popularity of the sport indicates we will need 6 or 8 more outdoor courts. Then even more people could play and tournaments could be held which can draw visitors to town.

Snowmobiling into town, for gas, restaurants, and lodging.

Swim Parks and docks and cabanas

Drone Pilot Club/training sport

Indoor winter activities for family.

The fairgrounds and county fair needs lots of work I know the fair board works hard but really needs some new ideas and an abilities take a few risk to increase attendance

Roller skating

Need OUTDOOR open play times scheduled for pickleball in the area (similar to the Wex). This is a common thing in other surrounding communities, including Manistee I& TC. It's a great way for community members to get to know one another in for single players to be able to play.

More kids-focused/friendly activities. We LOVED the freedom feast and the kids had a blast. We go to the library often and events there as well. More splashpad/play ground and fixing up things that a broken at the blue park by the river.

Horseback riding trails

Expanded winter carnival making full use of both lakes

Biking (Trails)

We could use outdoor Pickleball courts for expanded play and tournament play

More available parking downtown for walkers

We could use more outdoor pickleball courts in Cadillac. The courts at Diggins need to be resurfaced and lines for pickleball should be added to more courts.

cross-country skiing

Mesick really needs something for the teens. A skateboard park would be a great hangout for them.

A downtown theatre for plays, films, bands, etc.

Archery

Swimming, inside walking in the winter

Others (Please specify below)

Not enough beach areas

Private, tent-only campsites

Hockey

Cross country skiing

It would be nice to have something collectively for our young youth to do with their siblings. We do have a skate park (too big for littles) and lake Billings with play equipment (too little for bigs). I do know there were talks of a splash pad. This community was sooooo excited for that as it allows kids of ALL ages to enjoy a fun time together without having to drive 20 minutes to downtown Cadillac.

We need trail access. To many of our PUBLIC trails have been blocked.

Dog park in the downtown area

All of the above with some contribution to these activities in the City

The Kenwood park playground equipment. The one on the other side of the road is falling apart and missing a bunch of stuff.

I think we have lots of opportunities personally. Maybe others feel different.

Airplane watching

Horse-drawn buggy tours. :) Fall color tour train rides: winter time would be beautiful, too.

area with obstacles to play and train one's dogs. ex. teeter totters, slant boards, pole fences to run between, plastic tunnels, even a diving board to jump from in deeper water at the lakes.

Unable to

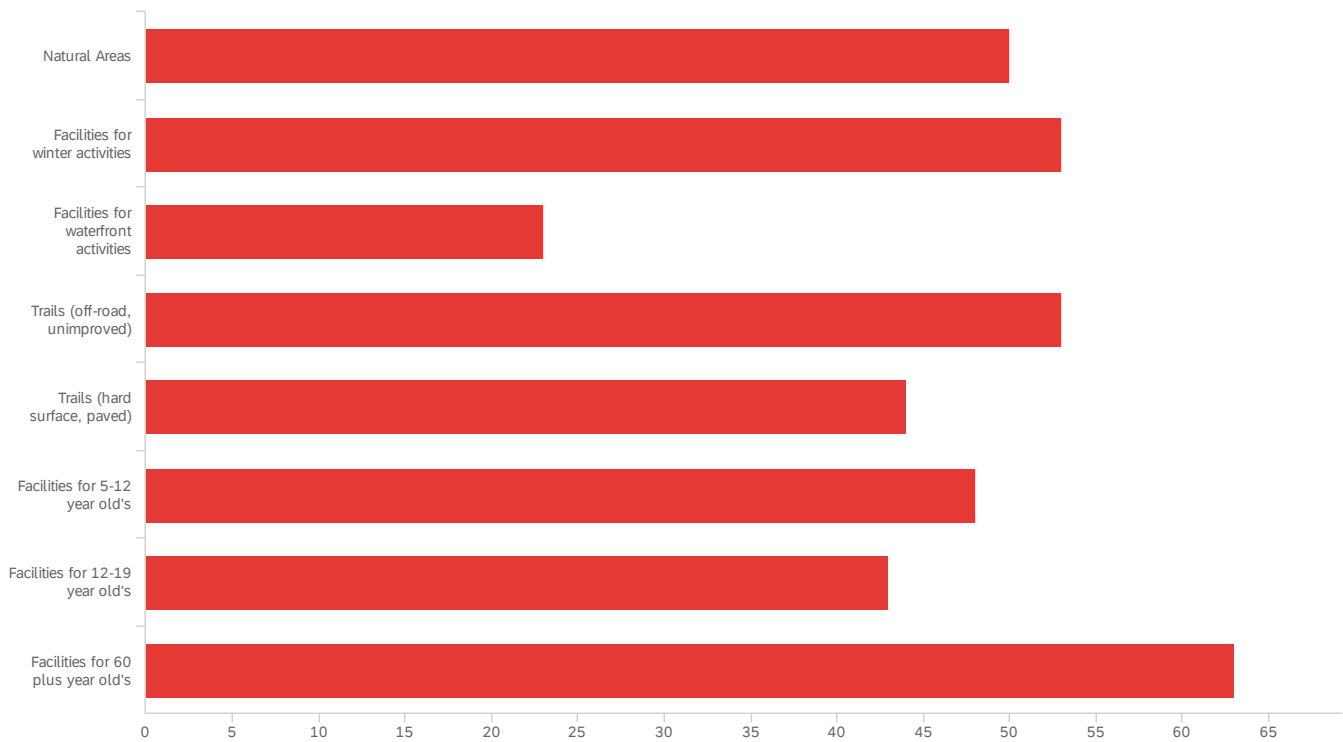
Dog parks and trails

Things to get more people out in one place

The county should create facilities do to scale that small governmental units can't. Examples: Indoor Recreation Center, large playground. County should make a master plan for the Wex.

Children's activities!!!!

Q8 - What type of facilities do you think the County could have more of?

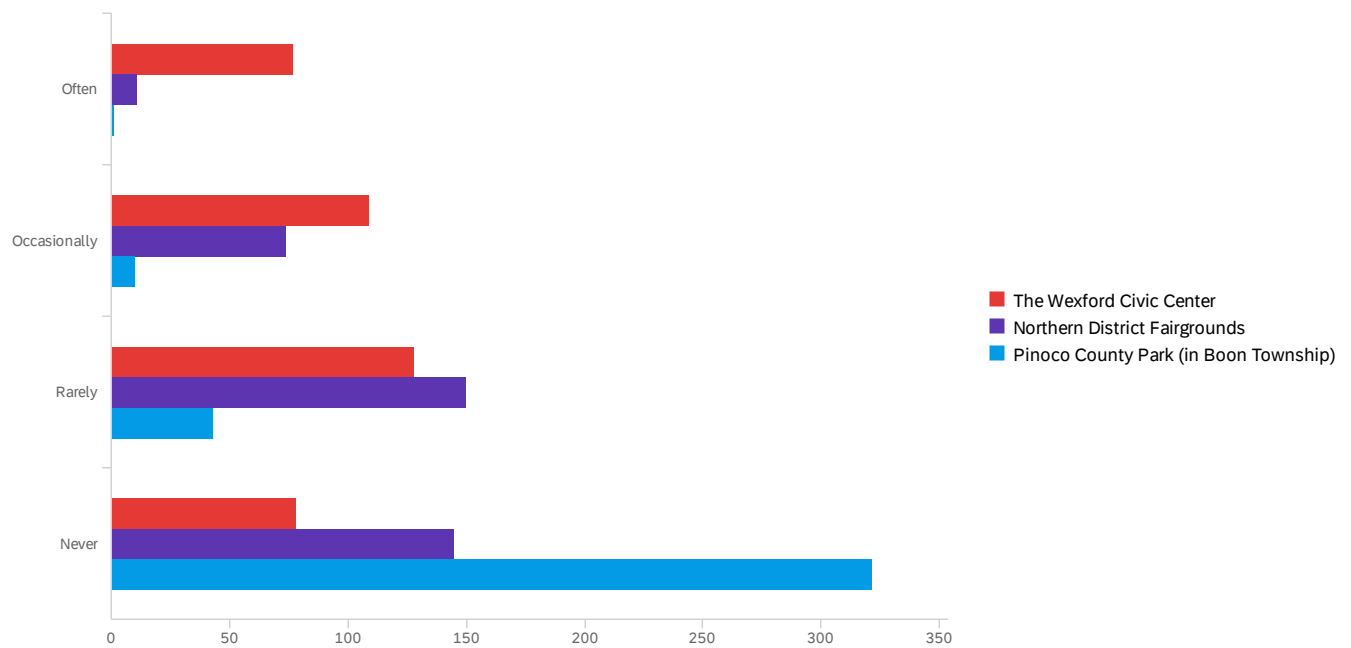


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1	What type of facilities do you think the County could have more of?	1.00	8.00	4.64	2.39	5.73	377

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Natural Areas	13.26% 50
2	Facilities for winter activities	14.06% 53
3	Facilities for waterfront activities	6.10% 23
4	Trails (off-road, unimproved)	14.06% 53
5	Trails (hard surface, paved)	11.67% 44
6	Facilities for 5-12 year old's	12.73% 48
7	Facilities for 12-19 year old's	11.41% 43
8	Facilities for 60 plus year old's	16.71% 63

377

Q9 - How often do you use the following County recreation facilities?

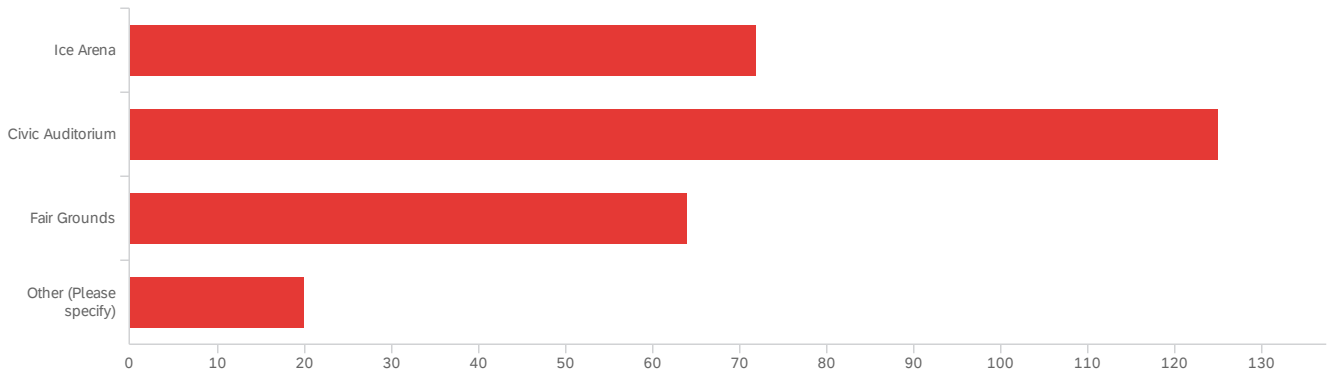


#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	The Wexford Civic Center	1.00	4.00	2.53	1.02	1.04	392
2	Northern District Fairgrounds	1.00	4.00	3.13	0.82	0.68	380
3	Pinoco County Park (in Boon Township)	1.00	4.00	3.82	0.46	0.21	376

#	Field	Often	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	Total
1	The Wexford Civic Center	19.64% 77	27.81% 109	32.65% 128	19.90% 78	392
2	Northern District Fairgrounds	2.89% 11	19.47% 74	39.47% 150	38.16% 145	380
3	Pinoco County Park (in Boon Township)	0.27% 1	2.66% 10	11.44% 43	85.64% 322	376

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Q10 - Which facilities do you or members of your household use at the Wexford Civic Center?



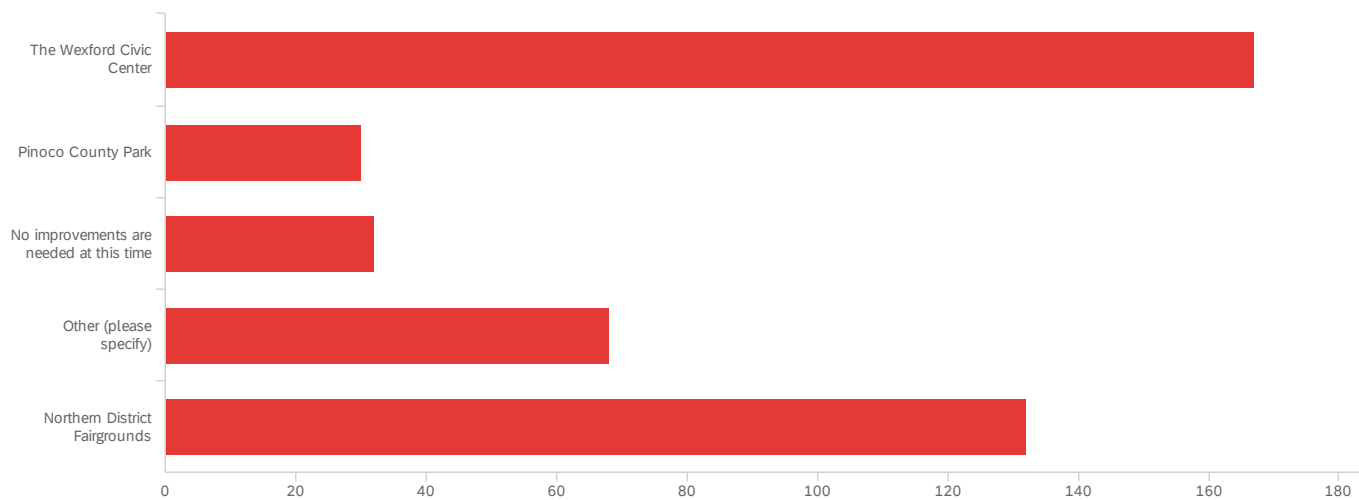
#	Field	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std Deviation	Variance	Count
1	Which facilities do you or members of your household use at the Wexford Civic Center?	1.00	5.00	2.19	1.04	1.09	281

#	Field	Choice Count
1	Ice Arena	25.62% 72
2	Civic Auditorium	44.48% 125
3	Fair Grounds	22.78% 64
5	Other (Please specify)	7.12% 20

281

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Q11 - Where would you like to see improvements to Wexford County parks?



#	Field	Choice Count
1	The Wexford Civic Center	38.93% 167
2	Pinoco County Park	6.99% 30
3	No improvements are needed at this time	7.46% 32
4	Other (please specify)	15.85% 68
5	Northern District Fairgrounds	30.77% 132
		429

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Q12_4_TEXT - Other (please specify)

Other (please specify)

I didn't know Pinoco Park existed. Maybe some advertising to let residents know about it.

More parks

All facilities within budget to have residents of the County Of Wexford for improving and being safe with proper lighting and ease of access

More playground for children- garden areas

8 dedicated outdoor pickleball courts. For local rec use and tournaments to benefit the whole community

kenwood park

Not sure

Other (please specify)

Expanded parking for CASA fields

bike trail to Thompsonville, Benzie County

Diggins Park tennis courts/ pickle ball

Lake Mitchell

Lake Mitchell Area

Pickleball courts

All areas of Cadillac could use a pick me up

Play grounds and areas for kids 9 and up

8 outdoor pickleball courts

All the above. Only let you pick one??? Not a good survey

Colfax Township Park

Bike paths. Wider roads around Lake Mitchell. And other biking opportunities.

More pickleball outdoor courts

Never heard of Pinoco Park. But the county needs a park that is family friendly and not another area added by the lakes.

Diggins

Fix up the blue park by the lake. There is a music thing that has been broken for years. There is also a hole by the merryground that gets fixed but then is back again.

Not sure we've lived here 2.5 years so not sure what is available

Lake Mitchell access for fishing from shore

We're new to the area and don't know if improvements needed at this time

More pickleball courts

Pickleball courts next to the tennis courts at Diggins in the valley so they are protected from the wind

Cadillac Pathways (Improved Single Track mountain biking and trail cleanup from the logging operation)

More pickleball courts, or fix the ones at Diggins Park

Other (please specify)

Add outdoor pickleball courts

New outdoor Pickleball courts at the fairgrounds, 8 would be great!

Better parking and restrooms available

More Pickleball courts inside and outside

Bathrooms, drinking fountain

Paved walk/bike paths

Waterfront venues

Outdoor Pickleball courts

Fix current parks. Park on fifth street

The wex and fairgrounds should be head and shoulders above all else in the county's plans to reinvest. Huge potential!

Maintain what we already have instead of creating more facilities that eventually receive no maintenance.

pickleball courts

parking lot at the Wex

In the smaller areas. Not just Cadillac

Manton rotary memorial park

Lake Billings park

Colfax TWP Park

Accessible natural and waterfront areas

Fund some improvements in the City! We pay County taxes as well!!

Cadillac Pathway and other similar trails

Diggins Hill and park area

Create a new park and make old McKinley School into a rec area with tubing, skiing, pickleball, softball. An entire area for the city to use. Focusing on giving teens in the area something to do.

Survey won't allow multiple choices for the previous question. I think all of The Wex and Fairgrounds needs significant investment. I've never been to the Park in Boon; didn't even know it was there.

Other (please specify)

More parks in outlying areas

Beyond "Cadillac" areas

Resurface Diggins tennis courts

Petoskey's fair grounds' renovation has been a good thing. Northern District Fairgrounds would benefit from some well designed building, signage and yardscape upgrades; the return of harness racing may help. Carshows and outdoor concerts would add value there, in addition to the well-established hockey and carnival fair.

City of Cadillac/ Kenwood park area

Create more parks

something for kids

We have some beautiful areas currently but they are filled with trash and overgrown. Why consider something new when you are unable to maintain what we have already

Diggins Hill

More nature, less building.

Civic Center needs a new gym floor and updated amenities which will allow for lots of activities for all ages. It's old, it's dirty but still has a lot of life.

We would just like better mowing and up keep at the Diggins Hill Disc golf Course

need more activities , concerts all ages

Clean community park better.

Q11.1 - What improvements would you like to see at The Wexford Civic Center?

What improvements would you like to see at The Wexford Civic Center?

Parking lot, interior update

More community events/activities

Building modernization and paved parking.

Basic building/facade updates; keep maintaining so it doesn't fall into disrepair again

Park Lot, removal of the building half tore apart

Enhance facility to attract more concerts and headliner level live musicant

Improved pickleball

More things for the teens

That's a good place to build at least 8 outdoor pickleball courts.

Outdoor pickleball courts? Indoor walking track.

General facelift

Improvements of the building

Parking lot

Concerts, more open skate days/times

Inside needs updating

Upgrade facilities, more walking opportunities for winter

More activities for children

8 outdoor Pickleball courts

Evening Pickleball, year round.

More handicap accessible seating

Fix the bathrooms, expand activities

We only visit for hockey. The parking lot can be a bit rough.

What improvements would you like to see at The Wexford Civic Center?

Appreciate the A/C improvement. Would like better seating; more comfortable chairs

Outdoor pickleball courts

Outdoor pickle ball courts

More outdoor activities

Pickle ball courts

Remodeled outdoor space for horseshoes, outdoor pickeball etc

Outdoor pickleball courts

Outdoor pickleball courts

Outdoor Pickleball courts

More pickleball courts, showers in the bathroom

Cleaning floors regularly

Outdoor pickleball courts

Bathrooms need updated

Outdoor pickle ball

Outdoor pickleball courts

Pickleball courts outside

Outdoor pickleball courts; six to eight would allow for tournament hosting, bringing outside dollars to the county. +

Outdoors pickleball courts

Outdoor courts for pickleball

More outdoor pickle ball courts

Pickleball courts. Outside

Outdoor pickleball courts with lights.

More pickleball courts

Outdoor Pickleball courts

What improvements would you like to see at The Wexford Civic Center?

I would like to see 8 outdoor Pickleball courts erected right next to the ice rink. Not only for Cadillac residents but it would attract more tourists and fill the hotels and fill restaurants.

Floor replacement/repair . Better lighting

Outdoor and better indoor pickle ball courts

8 OUTDOOR DEDICATED PICKLEBALL COURTS

Activities during the winter

Bathroom updates

Playground outside, updated indoor facility such as flooring

Bigger

Outdoor Pickleball; hockey equipment shed; parking lot resurfaced; longer indoor Pickleball hours; outdoor walking path

I'm not sure. I was surprised to only see 3 options for places to improve and selected the Wex as it is the one I use. In general it seems like it could use repairs, parking improvements, improve the gym, just updating

Four Pickleball courts outside

More basketball hoops, better bathrooms, water bottle filler , concerts, national acts, more open for walk in public use pitching machine, private lessons different sports. Better parking lot

Parking lot lines

Updated ventilation, bathrooms, a fresher and more inviting place

Unsure

General upkeep improvements. Bathrooms are not in the best of shape and things are outdated.

Updates on the building

Speaker system, bathroom and drinking fountain upgrades.

Incest in the rink, it is a great resource that is well managed

Open to public for Athlete training for free

Drinking fountain

Everything. It's "clean", but frankly needs to be demolished & rebuilt. Very out of date and not adequate.

Updated bathrooms and a water fountain. My family appreciates the availability of the facility for baseball/softball.

What improvements would you like to see at The Wexford Civic Center?

Get rid of the gun and knife shows; get rid of events that attract the white trash. Offer more concerts, pop culture, and cultural events

Bathrooms, parking, lighting, ease of use by community groups

Full upgrade. Modernization. It is too run down.

Updates to the gym

Structural improvements that are past due - roof, sound system, parking lot, gym/auditorium floor. Huge potential for much more sports tourism.

More activitied

more pretty areas

Used more for community events, live events, and outdoor events. It seems totally wasted!

The parking lot is horrible and needs to be completely redone.

Increased size and updated.

Renovation inside and out; cleaner facility

Pickleball, skating

Upgrade facility so more events can be held

Heat for Hockey practice

Regular skating and more pickleball!

parking lot improvements

Nothing happens there besides open skates. Open it up to more activities.

Parking lot rebuilt. Aesthetics improved. Modern restroom facilities installed. Food service improvement

Update the heck out of it, it looks like it is unclean and falling apart/into disrepair

Bathrooms

More shows/ conventions better amusement at t the fair

New scoreboard, improved locker rooms, new boards and glass

It'd be nice if there were more events that are family and/or kid oriented.

Parking lot, roof, sound system update, new flooring in Civic Center section

What improvements would you like to see at The Wexford Civic Center?

Updated, this gets a lot of traffic and is a little run down. More festivals to be held, more music events

Bette prking

More shows,

Parking improvement; outdoor amenities; outdoor track around fairgrounds; more inviting aesthetics; more indoor versatility; improved lighting in civic center

Multiple pickleball courts sufficient for tournaments

More activities

complete make over

Upgrades, maintaining of ice rink

More activities for young adults.

The whole civic center inside and out needs remodeled

New parking lot, roof, restroom upgrade

Bathrooms. Auditorium upgrade for sports center.

Parking lot repairs

More ice skating and senior events

Cleaned up and have actual events that are interesting

Funding for the necessary on going upkeep of the facility

Parking lot needs work and the build needs painted, looks run down and rough

Parking lot and bathrooms need replaced.

Increased family activities

Complete update of inside fixtures. More events

Updated

Nicer restrooms

Better parking

What improvements would you like to see at The Wexford Civic Center?

Updated bathroom, energy saving, water and lighting

Q11.2 - What improvements would you like to see at the Northern District Fairgrounds?

What improvements would you like to see at the Northern District Fairground...

Parking lot, building improvements

REpair the octagon building.

Continually upgrade buildings and grounds. I support saving the octagonal building and moving to Veterans Park.

Paved parking. Site aesthetic enhancements. Maintenance.

Updates.....

building improvements and maintenance, sidewalks

Free skating for 12-19, more free activities for all

More things for teens

Better fair

Accessible

Building

More rides for teens and kids and more foods and animals and horses show

Paved areas for moving about freely in a wheel chair and a playground where I could take my granddaughter that I could get to.

More kid friendly activities.. wish we could get yearly fair back to somewhat of what it used to be

Campsites for camping during the fair, more reasonably priced activities for children and adults, exhibit building, etc

All the grounds need updating

Upgraded buildings and grandstand area

Less obstacle

I don't have any productive feedback for this, just that it's a gross run down area that I don't use because it's unappealing

Buildings upgraded.

Easier access to animal areas for those who have limited ability to walk. Paved surfaces to not have to walk through mud

Outdoor pickleball

What improvements would you like to see at the Northern District Fairground...

Outdoor pickle ball courts

Improved county fair

Walking path

Outdoor venue space

The grand stands and rest rooms could be updated and painted.

Bathrooms upgraded

Facelift

Everything. Grandstands are a fire trap and the track is in terrible condition. The fair itself is also very "sad". Need new, modern facilities.

Clean it up. Add landscaping to make it more scenic and attractive.

Maybe some landscaping improvements, walking track

Maintenance of the facilities and site. Improved parking.

This space also has huge potential and has been neglected and lacks proper investment and leadership.

Buildings need to be maintained. They are a terrible eyesore

Clean up the outdoor areas. Currently looks run down.

Rebuild the grandstands. The County should do massive upgrades for the parking area also

Updated facilities and overall appearance.

Outdoor recreational activities. There is so much land there with parking that is not used.

I think updating the look would be nice (cosmetic). The grand stand area could be updated for concerts

Place is in shambles. Have a lot of space there need to utilize it.

Paved walking trail around edge. New grandstand facility w/ modern outdoor concert and presentation capabilities. Pleasant landscaping. Trees.

Newer buildings.

I would suggest more outside bathrooms

Cleaned up so it looks nicer and host more events.

Better upkeep. Would like to see more vendors and just more events for the general public to enjoy

What improvements would you like to see at the Northern District Fairground...

Parking lot, grandstand

Camping

Pavement

Building improvements

More trees and landscaping. The dust is terrible there. Spruce up the buildings. (Traverse has a beautiful fairgrounds, as a good example.)

Better parking lot

Activities that would want me to go there for. Outdoor concerts, antique fairs

See earlier remarks.

Nicer grounds

Better carnival or concerts

Improving facilities, more events at the grandstands

More motor sports in the grand stand area

new grand stand area and improved barns

Maybe areas with activities for kids, teens, and adults to enjoy anytime. Using the area for concerts, or community activities. Or maybe a drive in movie screen. It definitely could use some landscaping.

playground, outside activities

More activities

Better companies to come in for the fair. More than just the 6 or 7 rides. More activities at the fairgrounds that don't cost a ton of money.

Parking lot

Cleaner

Build an event center to host larger events/concerts.

camping

A clean fair with more exhibits and good grandstand events

Same as above

What improvements would you like to see at the Northern District Fairground...

More activities there

Bike trails

Increased family activities

Upgrades to the grand stand and facilities and grounds

Walking track, paved parking lot, playground, picnic area

Stadium and the undergrounds

Make it more if an actual s fee air with miniature houses as little display areas

Better amusement rides for fair

Nice restrooms

Bathrooms and more activities

Q11.3 - What improvements would you like to see at Pinoco County Park?

What improvements would you like to see at Pinoco County Park?

Not sure as I was unaware it existed. From a quick google maps search, it looks like bathroom facilities and a pavilion type shelter. Signage.

What's the pinoco county park? Or rather where?

Don't know since I do not know where it is located. So maybe marketing and improvements

Trails for walking.

Pickleball courts

You could advertise it more. I've lived in Boon township for over 16 years and didn't know it existed.

Picnic tables, corn hole, disc golf benches

Walk/Bike trails

Maybe some signage to let people know it even exists!

donot know

Disc golf course

An acknowledgement of it's existence and actual use. Very little populates in a google search and I could not even find it on google maps. How can people use it if they don't know about it?

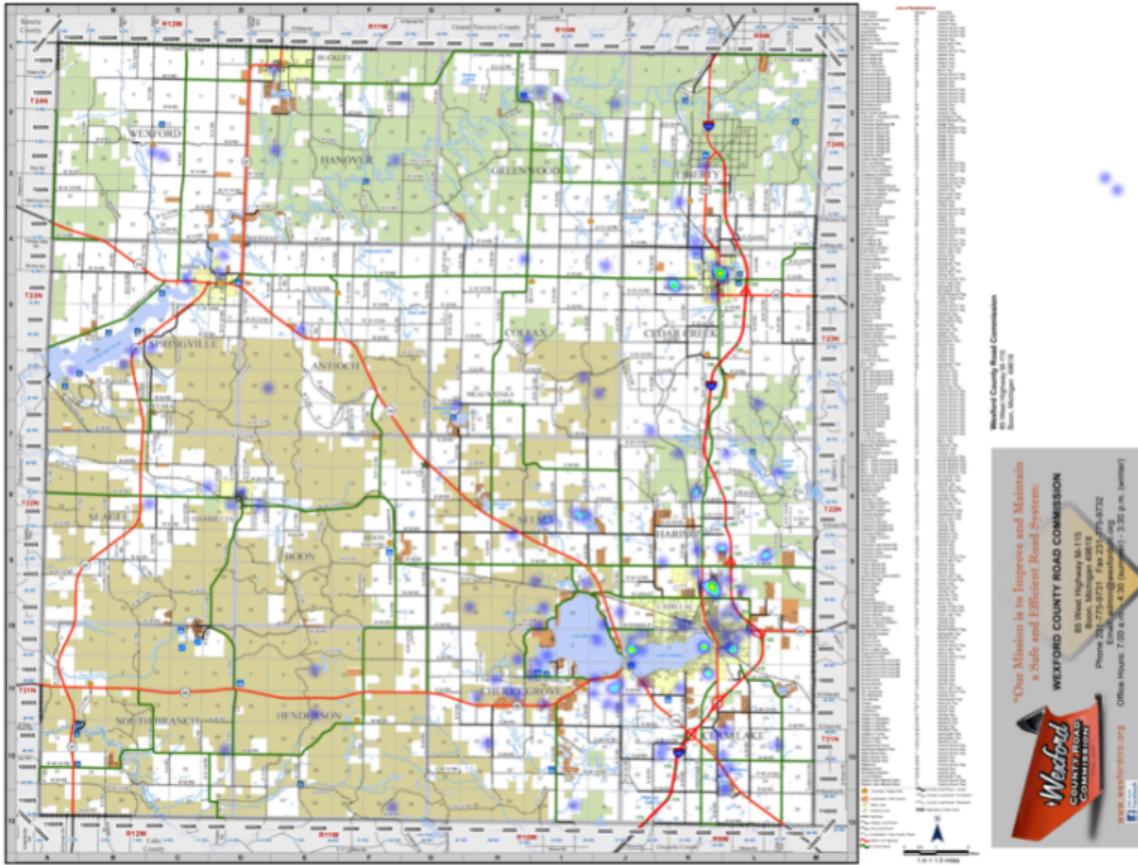
Would actually like to see a park for families to go and see nature and have cookouts.

More equipment

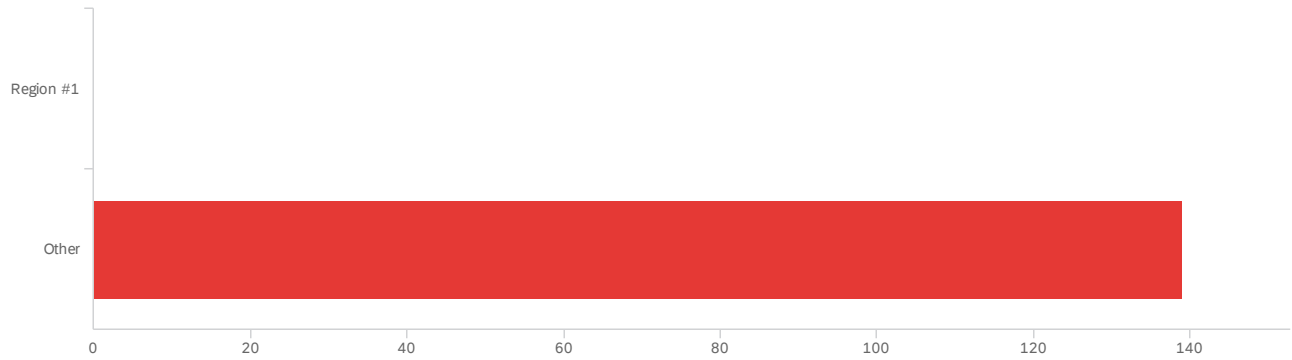
More activities

Playground, picnic tables, bathroom, or frankly ANYTHING!

Q12 - Where do you believe a park could be added to Wexford County? Please click on the map below to mark your area location for a possible future park. Only one location can be selected.



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Q12.1 - If you selected a location above, what would you like to see at the park?

If you selected a location above, what would you like to see at the park?

Haring or Cedar Creek

Picnicking features. Trails - walking and biking.

Pickleball courts and a playground

MTB trail to serve residents and visitors of the State Park and the West side of the lakes.

Can't read the area above it is too small.

Hiking trails

Swings

Outdoor pickleball courts

Pickleball courts, a bike track

Walking paths, benches, picnic tables. Safety measures

Trails for non motorized recreation

We don't need another park. Think about integrating nature, bike paths and walkways in all of our county communities. Need to think out of the box on this one.

X-country ski trails

Playground, picknick tables, etc.

Picnic area, playground, disc golf

Turn the property for sale into a nature park, maybe campgrounds, extended the clam river parkway. Would be amazing if it connected to the Cadillac pathways

Picnic tables, restrooms better beach access

More rides for teens and kids more foods and animals and horses and shows and games to play..

Splash pad for kids, playground equipment and sound gardens and art

Water park slides, shelters

Water slide or water based activity swim platform umbrellas etc. Beach sand, other shelters/cabins

If you selected a location above, what would you like to see at the park?

A better splash pad, with like dump buckets or overhead sprinkler type stuff, and park stuff for kids

Playground, walking trails, more access to Lake Mitchell

Activities for younger kids

Activities for bigger kids with seating areas. Maybe hands on exploration

Slides, play ground equipment, picnic tables

There is one one dense county area. Smaller parks in Buckley, Mesick and Manton

More playground equipment for all ages

Historical Marker for our Centennial Loggers US Forest Service Camp and a pavilion for weddings and more playground equipment

Grills, picnic table w/shelter, water hookup, bathroom

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A nice area to be able to have picnics, ride bikes, watch nature, hang a hammock and enjoy the quiet. A place that can be enjoyed by all age groups. We should not cram more things around the lakes. Maybe a decent disc golf course. A peaceful and quiet area to enjoy.

Picnic area, playground, senior activities

Kids equipment. Stuff to play on. These swings that a baby and adult can swing on at the same time.

Trails for hiking and trail running.

Hiking

Pickleball park

Outdoor Pickleball courts

Pickleball

Something between Cadillac and Manton including good single track mountain biking trails similar to Arcadia Bluffs or Merrel Park (Rockford)

Fishing pier

Pickleball courts, basketball courts, picnic area, playground.

8 Pickleball courts

Not sure this is the only place available, pickle it would be nice to have more outdoor pickle ball courts. There are lots of people who enjoy it and only 3 outdoor courts available.

If you selected a location above, what would you like to see at the park?

Pickleball courts

Pickleball courts

Pickleball and concessions

A playground that isn't a hundred years old and right next to the lake or school

Picnic tables, benches, trails, playground, corn hole, Something in the NW corner of the county

N/A

Again, not sure where a park could/should go. I like waterfront opportunities, but there may be a better location for a park to improve access for kids that don't currently have a park.

Expansion of the White Pine Trail north of Cadillac

Picnic tables, boat launch, fish cleaning station

Pickle ball courts, walking and bike paths

Outdoor venue space

Diggins hill winter park

Nothing

Attractions for summer kayak rentals and hiking

Winter activities such as a monitored ski hill. Also need basketball, baseball playgrounds and groomed park areas.

Courts and fields in Clam Lake.

Picnic area, nature trails for pedestrians, bicyclists only; small event pavilion for nature classes and activities

Walk/Bike trails around lakes

Additional take-outs and parking along the manistee, or better marked and advertised

Picnic facilities, shore fishing, and pickleball.

Expand the beach at this park

Launch area for canoes and kayaks picnic area out house

Kayaking, picnicking, hiking trails

If you selected a location above, what would you like to see at the park?

Outdoor basketball, tennis,

Disc golf course

By the Cadillac pathways

walking, hiking running trails

I think that the parks we have now around the 2 lakes need to have basketball areas

Picnic, trails

A shelter with restrooms and firepit similar for snowmobilers similar to Reed City

Picnic places near the water. Trails.

better kayak access in mesick

Play area and water park with trails and food court

Splash pad, walking trails that connect in town, volleyball net, hammocks for teens to hang out in

More activities and a gathering space/pavilion at the Colfax Twp park.

Manton

Cedar Creek

Camping/ORV run/hiking

Paved walking trails. Playground instead of having to drive into town. Workout equipment.

dog park

Disc golf, hiking trails, access to Manistee river

Hiking trails

Don't think we need more parks, we need the county to pay it's fair share back to city residents

Playground, walking/biking/running trails

Kentwood improvements

Something for kids

Better access for bikers, hikers, runners to the highest point in lower Michigan

If you selected a location above, what would you like to see at the park?

Id like a nice little park near the soccer fields. Stuff for kids to play on. Make it a kid friendly area

Cleaned up, new baseball mound, refurbished tennis ball courts, maybe remodel parts of the hill to better incorporate other outdoor activities

Old McKinley school. Skiing. Tubing. Pickleball, softball, baseball. All for teens.

We love kenwood Park, it would be nice if there were swings for the kids and newer equipment on the north side of the road.

Mountain bike trails built in the area and a hub for them in either Harrietta or Mesick

A playground area for children in Cadillac West area

Soccer/basketball/baseball/softball fields

Walking trails and playground equipment

Walking/hiking/bike trail, playground

A unique park near pickle ball and basketball courts would be fun for the entire family. We have to drive to Elk Rapids to get something for everyone, it would be nice to have a one stop place in Wexford County. Courts, bike path on the outside edge, and a unique playground, too.

Manton is a beautiful area that is often forgotten about in Wexford County. I wish we have more trails by the river

Playground

Play equipment, volleyball net, bike repair station

Pickleball courts

It would be nice to have a pavilion with a Community Aviation Discovery Area similar to Jack Barstow Airport in Midland.

FENCED-IN (given the M37 highway there) picnic tables, miniature trail walk w edu signage re local flora and fauna, ie herons, eagles, deer, bear, bobcat, fish, rabbits, butterflies, with directional pole sign with miles to fish hatchery, red bridge, local churches, canoeing rivers ahead, etc. Could serve as a travel break stop. Well-designed and small; could re-work building there for travel stop re-use.

Picnic facilities, nice bathrooms, playgroud, walking paths, biking trails

it's too small to locate an area but should be central to the town

Trails, dog park, benches, splash pad, lap pool, concessions, picnic area, bike lanes,

A large family oriented park with hiking/walking trails; picnicking; water access for fishing and nature; modern campground; accessible for all county residents; useful for educational programming; - perhaps somewhere in center of county

Camping

Picnic tables

If you selected a location above, what would you like to see at the park?

Looks like a great spot for kayaking and canoeing. I'm not familiar with where that is and going to have to look at it further. Maybe camping or picnic areas would be great too.

camping at or near Hodenpyl dam

various playground equipment- swings, merry go round, etc., as well as grills and a picnic area

Hiking and cross country trails

Nothing new - but I would love the garbage and trash picked up all over. The areas in the city of Cadillac are not being maintained now - why expand when what we have is so unsightly and unkept. Fix what we have first...

Splash pad or paved area around it for elderly to walk

Clean area picnic tables

Additional picnic areas on the lake.

Something interesting natural wildlife

Small play equipment, bathroom, small dock, level out driveway/ parking. light post, reflective markings for entry from road, pedestrian crossing signs along highway, parking for trail walkers.

Picnic area, hiking/walking paths/trails

Playground area for kids, public areas for events

North south bike trail to Manton

would not open

More activities for elderly and disabled people

Natural wildlife.

Public beach area 4

More waterfront docks possible marina by the pavilion

Parking/ picnic area

Pickle ball, basketball, picnic area, restrooms

Basketball, pickleball, pavilion seated areas

hemlock campground needs an upgrade . make the beach area at city park better / ripped off

More land, parking, tables, benches

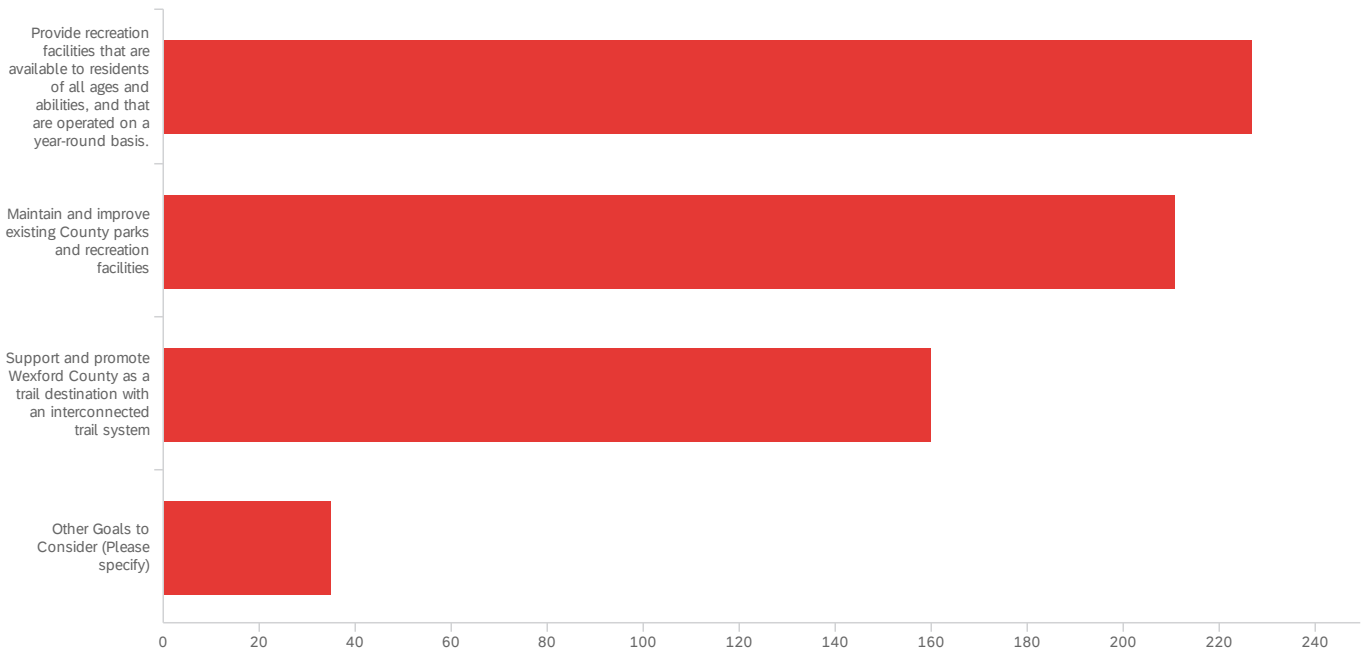
If you selected a location above, what would you like to see at the park?

Tables, benches and a sitting shelter

Atv/orv parking with bathrooms

Hiking trails behind tim hortins

Q13 - Please select the goals that you support.



#	Field	Choice Count
1	Provide recreation facilities that are available to residents of all ages and abilities, and that are operated on a year-round basis.	35.86% 227
2	Maintain and improve existing County parks and recreation facilities	33.33% 211
3	Support and promote Wexford County as a trail destination with an interconnected trail system	25.28% 160
4	Other Goals to Consider (Please specify)	5.53% 35
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Q13_4_TEXT - Other Goals to Consider (Please specify)

Other Goals to Consider (Please specify)

horse trails

atv trails other counties support this for tourism we have thousands of national forest and state land the tourism base gets confused as to what they can use and we lose thousands of dollars in revenue we need marked trails not everyone wants to hike

Fun in the sun both summer and winter

Support Fairgrounds

Expanding bike trails (access to manton or lake city), an indoor playground for kids in winter

Other Goals to Consider (Please specify)

We love going to and participating in car shows. Today, even with the rain, the freedom festival car show was terrific.

Bring tourists to the city

New pickleball courts and resurfacing of the tennis courts

Cadillac has a lot of lakefront. It would be nice to have another fishing pier where you don't need a boat to fish. Cadillac also has a lot of boaters. It would be nice to have places to rent dock space for the summers.

With the new Pickleball courts we could hold tournaments and have local merchants sponsor such. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. A club could be established whereby dues or membership could be required . Grand Rapids has Belknap park which could be a pattern to follow.

More available public restrooms

Connect the railroad trestle in Mesick!

Coordinate with DNR to extend hiking and bicycling trails.

Skateboard park in Mesick

Support and Promote Wexford County as a non-motorized trail destination. Support Wexford County as a destination for paddling and fishing.

Continue to invest in the ice rink

Clean up existing parks; too much white trash litter and vandalize parks and park structures

Do something!

Develop outdoor pickleball courts that allow for tournaments and league play in the Cadillac area. The Wex is ok for indoor use in the winter months, but pickleball gets bumped (i.e. canceled) anytime there is another event in the Wex.

All of these are important, but the wex and the fairgrounds need a huge lift right now and the ROI would be enormous.

If the city won't fix Leeson Ave., create a bike path between Division and 13th Street.

improvement of Diggins Hill; additional pickleball venue (

Stop taking down the trees in the Cadillac pathway. Looking really shabby.

promote snowmobiling in Cadillac

Would love to see more pickleball and racquet ball courts

Public parkland acquisition that combines public use with open space preservation. Nature preserves, etc

Cooperation with joint funding with city

Other Goals to Consider (Please specify)

Increasing County engagement with Visitors Bureau, Chamber, and local municipalities that already have some of these facilities available.

Spaces for families to have activities and spaces that increase the benefits available to visitors

I support aspects of all of the above to some degree; however, what is done should be w/in budget restraints to include good maintenance and routine safety patrols.

Provide facilities that economies of scale do not permit local governments to provide.

More bike lanes for recreation and commuting

Improvement of natural areas, less buildings.

Make the marketplace a year round market

Maintain access to roads with better seasonal road conditions

Q13.2 - What ways can the County achieve the goal of providing recreation facilities that are available to residents of all ages and abilities, and that are operated on a year-round basis?

What ways can the County achieve the goal of providing recreation facilitie...

Change/upgrade facilities to match changing user desires like more pickleball or disc golf

have more parks available and create more trails that are safe for families to use

Advertising, local support, grants, and donations.

what you are currently doing ask for suggestions

Have an active recreation department to apply for grants and even promote recreational mileage increases

Maintaining roads that allow access.

Consider all age groups

Expansion of designated bike lanes in a fashion that connects the counties' municipal areas. TART provides a great model

Increase funding. These days, folks are a lot more active. I live off the rails to trails and it is used all the time by many folks walking, biking, or snowmobiling

Indoor playground

Outdoor recreation (e.g. pickle ball) opportunities in the summer. Access to indoor opportunities in the winter.

Places that have stuff for teens to do

Government funding instead of funding buildings that contractors abandon

City of Manton need a youth center for the kids, also a welcome center would be great

Indoor putt putt. Arcades for adults, ski ball, etc

Allocate tax dollars for improvements and additions

Volunteers, donations, public involvement

Trash cans, maintenance and upkeep

What ways can the County achieve the goal of providing recreation facilities...

Explain what is available and opened year round. Improve what we already have. Loved hear for almost 26 years and I still don't know what all Wexford County has to offer.

Set up a "parks and rec" department to maintain areas

Indoor playgrounds, parks, walking areas

Maintaining year round restroom facilities, better parking options for handicapped. Handicapped does not just mean w/c access, but parking closer to facilities for someone using a cane or walker

Pickleball park

Outdoor pickleball courts

remote access cards

Expand the volunteer pool

An indoor sports complex would be great. Something similar to the "Kingdom Soccer" complex in Kalamazoo would be great. Multiple fields with high quality turf. 1 full size field and 2 smaller fields. The smaller fields would be usable as Rec Dodgeball leagues too. A big enough complex could potentially house indoor facilities for tennis and/or youth baseball and softball skills development.

Provide and update more pickleball courts for local residents and future tournaments

Grant money, fund raising. People pay for a key each year to open a gate to get into courts (\$30-50 a key). This helps keep things maintained and less damage do to people not able to get on courts without a key.

New Pickleball courts at the Civic Center, outside

Actually do it

Support the Wex ice skating arena and improve the opportunity to walk laps in the Wex.

Select State

Keeping free for county residents; add bathrooms (at least porta potty); ADA rated trails

I'm only aware of DNR and Forest service year-round recreation facilities, except for the WEX. It would be great to have maintained (plowed or groomed) trails for walking/running in the winter. Options are limited and most are for cross country skiing.

Add a handicap accessible fishing pier to the west end of the city walkway on Lake Cadillac

Improve Diggins Hill Park to include the top of the hill. Include year round facilities (restroom/warming house

Maybe try to expand the parking facilities somehow.

Recreation millage county wide that is directly invested in facilities and programs

What ways can the County achieve the goal of providing recreation facilities...

Establish a properly funded by tax payers and users, Park District.

Make recreation a priority. Partner with the City of Cadillac and community groups. Advocate to change the policy that only allows hotel taxes for big cities.

Apply for grants to help improve parks/recreation facilities

Improve the wex for multiple use.

Have them open and maintained

Update and make better use of the Wex gym for more indoor winter activities.

Fund facilities that need help!

the places exist, need better PR-signage, and website presence

Find more things to do INSIDE during inclement weather--year-round

Ma

Promote activities at the parks

Maybe cut some pay of some of the overpaid employees

Advertise the things we have as many don't really know, IMO.

Provide more activities and gathering spaces for young children and teens with different things people can bring their family or kids too. Low cost to free. Movies, music, playgrounds, pickleball,...

Operating millage. Aggressive grant writing. Community philanthropy

Look into acquiring vacant land or State Land (sometimes made available at auctions), especially near water features (rivers, lakes, creeks)

Put in new facilities and have full time staff to regularly clean maintain and repair the sites

ORV TRAILS CONNECTING LAKE CITY AND MANISTEE TO CADILLAC;

Funding and manpower

A clear vision and long term plan for recreation in the county.

Identify what the interests of certain age groups are so you can provide the appropriate facilities. Coordinate with outside groups/schools/clubs to promote use of the facilities and maybe "learn to" days to support beginners.

Invest in the infrastructure related to The Wex.

What ways can the County achieve the goal of providing recreation facilities...

Maintaining year round bathroom facilities, improving walking areas to accommodate electric scooters and wheelchairs, invest in snow removal equipment

Extend the White Pine Trail through Wexford county.

Having bathrooms open year round, when you have children accessing these is hard with no public restroom

Maintain existing trails; community cleanup events; community outreach events

Build a facility that can provide space for a couple hundred people to meet that has walls and portable heaters in the colder weather and open space with a roof in the warmer weather at the airport.

It if abandoned properties and cleaning them up for public use

Evaluate activity levels for various activities by all age groups. Maximize access for all at all facilities

Child Science Center

Update areas such as disk golf, they are no longer clearly marked. Put signs up to clearly mark trails designated for snowshoeing or cross-country skiing to encourage new activities.

more activities for teenage children

rest areas, plowing of snow

Ensure the grounds are sanitary and safe, as well as operational. Regular upkeep. Provide accommodations where needed (wheelchair access, etc.). Also provide weather appropriate activities.

By having more community input

Find areas that have no playground areas.

Work in trails

fund raising projects tied to specific projects

Improve the civic arena, nit just the ice side.

Make market a year round facility.

Take care of recreation facilities better

Have more areas plowed for walking in the winter

More trails for x-country skiing & snowmobiling

Use of an ad hoc committee

What ways can the County achieve the goal of providing recreation facilitie...

Make Cadillac West more pedestrian friendly.

Maintain the roads and provide bathrooms

Q13.3 - What ways can the County maintain and improve existing County parks and recreation facilities?

What ways can the County maintain and improve existing County parks and rec...

General upkeep, paint, new trash cans

repair the paths we currently have

Look to acquire additional funding, like grants, to maintain or expand recreational offerings.

Improved maintenance. Aesthetic/landscape enhancements.

improved signage, maintain and promote athletic areas

all comes down to funding, will the county support a small millage?

Get grants to help fund improvements and new facilities

Ensure that current structures are kept in good shape.

Hire more workers

Improve funding so there is sufficient money

Maintain infrastructure

The Wex is limited at times for pickle ball due to other events. With only one facility, pickle ball is the one that has to be canceled.

Keeping it clean and safe for younger kids

Better roads and plowing

Park upkeep

Volunteers and a paid administrator

Being able to better take care of them, offer more activities

Clean up and patrol more

Improve paths, Increase path connection, bathroom facilities

Cameras for vandalism

What ways can the County maintain and improve existing County parks and rec...

Give better direction and goals to fair. Contribute to recreational needs of Cadillac and area. No parks/no trails county supports

Update & upgrade existing facilities

Get out there and actually do it.

Fix the blue park and keep fixed, also repairs are needed at the sound garden

We really dont have many complaints. Bathrooms sometimes arent in great shape

Volunteers or jail house guests

Partner with the public schools for "space sharing"

Improved trails at the Pathways, and cleaning up the brush and sight lines at Diggins.

Add pickle ball courts

Repairs and maintenance ; remove or replace wooden structure in Sound Garden since it is eyesore and unsafe; plow trails and parking in winter; add Pickleball

Deferred maintenance and increased events. Indoor soccer field (s) ??

Give us a list of county parks -- I have no idea how many or where

Focus on repairing projects that were left alone after completion like the sound garden, greenway walk, and kids play park

More bathrooms

If a Park District is formed, their millage could pay for maintenance.

Keep them updated.

Keep the white trash out so they stop littering and vandalizing; add performing arts center to the civic center

Offer people a chance to partner with parks to help do maintenance/projects

Maintain them!

Put the youth to work, they can receive academic credit for volunteer hours

Have them open and maintained all year long

Provide adequate staffing and maintenance for the Wex.

Safety

What ways can the County maintain and improve existing County parks and rec...

Apply for grant funds and collaborate with other community stakeholders

More groomed hiking trails

Many need new paint and physical repairs

Cleaner

just maintain-carry on

Fix broken items on the playground, fresh wood chips, trash and basketball nets

Clean, sweep, landscape. Replace bike path between State Park & Sunnyside.

Clean up the garbage. There are campers(homeless?)on the Cadillac Pathway on Seeley Rd. The area is looking trashed.

Keep them clean

The Civic Arena has gone to seed. It needs massive upgrades. As this is a destination type facility, it not only serves county residents specifically but can attract visitors who spend money on meals, lodging and shopping. The ARPA funds would have been a perfect fit fir breathing new life into this facility while sending a message to potential investors and developers of our willingness to invest in ourselves.

Trash pick up, There is camping going on on the Cadillac Pathway near the Seeley Road entrance. Trash everywhere in certain areas. I think it may be homeless folks. Last hike over there was concerning.

Update old facilities such as the grand stand at the fairgrounds, improve trailheads or signage so people know the location of these recreational opportunities.

They aren't very well advertised. I have to actually 'think' where Wexford County parks are at. Mecosta County for example really promotes their parks and are applying for grants to improve and grow their park system.

Keep them clean

Operating millage.

Set up volunteer organizations "adopt-a-park" type groups

Fix broken equipment, paint to make them look better

Just improvements updating

Public infor basketball quart

Make improvements to ice arena. Allow people to play roller hockey whe. The ice is off.

Promoting the parks more. Maybe look into employing instructors or coaches who can do classes at these parks

New playground equipment for the wooded area at Kenwood Park.

What ways can the County maintain and improve existing County parks and rec...

Providing better communication, marketing and signage of what the facilities and opportunities are, especially those that are not state or federal opportunities.

There are so few to maintain...? Invest in The Wex and Fairgrounds.

More trash cans and pet waste bags, we could try instituting a community volunteer clean up day each spring. Or can inmates work on clean up? Winter bathroom facilities.

Update with Modern Ammenities

Update walking paths

More music events and events that focus on all ages

Set up a meeting with the Airport Manager to discuss possibilities for community facilities at the airport.

Make a master plan for the Wex and upgrade facilities to meet the master plan goals.

Maybe a parks director and staff.

Update the areas designated for activities, like disk golf. Cleaning the beaches from goose feces and seaweed that comes on the shores

Just some upgrades

clean up maybe new play areas

rest areas and plowing

Just enforcing the expectations already there, such as, maintenance, regular upkeep on current playground equipment. Adding equipment.

Have the City of Cadillac improve the walkway first. Nothing is maintained, trimmed, or mowed

By adding more activities/picnic areas

Maintain Diggins Hill disc golf course

Senior services, physical activities, health screening, s

Create a program for intern student to work at these facilities/parks with seasoned workers. Get experience and understanding of the beauty and importance they are for our community to have. Porta-potries at these locations are important.trash cans are also important.having persons work at these location will lessen the chance for people littering or abusing area.

Funding sources for necessary on going upkeep

Keep politics out of it.

Keep up current trail system

What ways can the County maintain and improve existing County parks and rec...

upgrade current areas ie: skate park for use, dog park for use etc...

Open the restroom facilities. Last summer the ones by the park were closed pretty much all summer.

Clean up river walk. Have more volunteers to patrol for safety

Update current facilities and restrooms

Move down trees, put together a mapping system for the Diggins Hill Disc Golf Course. Put walking markers and maps for Cadillac Pathway. Provide a walking path around Lake Cadillac so there would be no walking on the street.

city parks needs a better beach . rope off area

More "clearly marked" special needs parking & more parking in general

Clean and maintaine better.

Get rid of the geese off the Keith mckelopp walkway.

Maintain the roads and provide bathrooms/ seating areas

Q13.4 - What ways can the County support and promote Wexford County as a trail destination with an interconnected trail system?

What ways can the County support and promote Wexford County as a trail dest...

Continually look to add to the trail system, especially with under-used or abandoned railways. I totally support the effort to map and promote statewide.

Work with other communities; can the White Pine Trail be extended northwest towards Frankfort

Coordinate with state and federal agencies with jurisdiction over other land. Coordinate with neighboring communities. Coordinate with clubs.

make some loop trails nearby.

More signage and pr

Commercials? Ads?

Connect to other local trails

Bike lanes, parking access

Connect White Pine Trail to Tart Trail

Marketing, expanding and improving trails

Expand bike lanes around Lake Mitchell

Connect clam river pathway to Cadillac pathway

Work to connect some of the existing trails. Getting in and out of Cadillac (city) is key. That's where many services are.

Linking trail from Wexford Cty to Thompsonville would complete a network of trails to the west, north and south of Wexford to Benzie Cty, Grand Traverse Cty, Leelanau Cty and Manistee Cty

Keep clean and safe

Better trail markers and trails

Advertise

I am not sure but public involvement would help

Open back up some of the trails

Figure out how to connect trails to Traverse County

What ways can the County support and promote Wexford County as a trail dest...

Biking, improvements around the North County Trail (camping, parking and/or trails linking to it)

Don't understand what that is.

Signage for trails needs more, have maps readily available

When I think of trails I'm talking about MTB, Road Cycling, Equestrian, and Skiing. Fort Custer State Park is a great example of a space with "multi-use single track" trails. Equestrian and Bike Riders share the trails riding opposite directions. The purpose built mountain bike trails draw people from all over. Roanoke, VA rebranded themselves as an outdoor destination (with an emphasis on MTB) when we lived there and people came from all around to ride and eat at local businesses. Utilizing our outdoor beauty to encourage tourism without majorly altering it would contribute to revitalizing downtown restraints.

More biking trails like the white pine trail. Only two options around the lake of down to Tustin.

Allow sleds in the downtown area

Paved trails

Get the trestle is mesick done for snowmobile

Expansive media campaign; connect trails with state park and with downtown so walking, biking and snowmobiles can connect trails with rental, food and kodgejy

Work with the agencies that already maintain non-motorized trail systems.

Planning and grants and fiduciary

More access for bycles and continued maintenance

Advertising, easy trail access from town

Possible working with adjacent counties to connect trail systems

Market and advertise out of state and within the state.

I think we should focus on trails that interconnect neighborhoods in the townships. We already have the White Pine Trail. Lets make parks easier to reach for residents rather than worry as much about visitors.

Promote trail mapped and signed off-road trails, plus paved trails for walking and biking

Work with the city, MDNR, and Visitor's Bureau to develop a comprehensive trail system.

Funding

Invest in those who are already working hard to build and maintain these trails.

Connect the Cadillac snowmobile trail system to the manton/lake city trails

What ways can the County support and promote Wexford County as a trail dest...

same as first, need better PR, and get all of the spots well "signed" and better website presence

Connect trails from Cadillac to Manton, Lake City so people could go all the way to the bridge

Hire someone to keep trails free of debris year-round

I believe the visitors bureau is involved with that promotion but it not get them involved.

Advertising. Work with the Visitor's Bureau. Put up maps, advertise on Facebook, promote events,...

Collaborate with visitors bureau, townships, municipalities, state, and non profits

Impove website/social media, keep it up to date

Connect the White Pine Trail to the North Country Trail.

Build more trails that interconnect throughout the entire county and with other counties.

Work with the Visitors Bureau to partner and build on existing opportunities and possibilities for motorized and non-motorized opportunities.

Have trail maps available in multiple locations, with area marked for gas and food availability. Host a trail ride with a theme, such as "Wexford Wilds Annual trail ride" design a logo, line up some food trucks to be at the trail head and along a designated route. Set it up so people have check points they have to get to and when they complete the ride they get a whatever (keychain, Bumper sticker..)charge an entry fee to cover costs.

Keep the trails maintained, paved, & plowed.

Get with all municaplities in the county.

Signs on trail systems, advertising

State events websites as to do & destinations

Provide a bike trial from the airport to other destinations within Wexford County.

Evaluate off-shoot bicycle trails to the White Pine bicycle trail. Evaluate trail connections from existing trails to population centers.

We have the North Country Trail system on the west side. And the one on the east side to Missaukee.

Create and put signs to clearly point to designated areas for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and other activities. Advertise on FB, Instagram, put out maps showing activities and where they are located at public high traffic areas.

Continue to maintain

Ensuring the trail is maintained. Advertising that it is available for use.

More events held at these locations.

Maps specifics for trails...all trails

What ways can the County support and promote Wexford County as a trail dest...

Build north from White Pine Trail

advertisement statewide, Donation activities involving trails

Make trails safer

Maintain roads and provide bathrooms and parking

Q14 - Are there any specific recreation projects you would like the County to consider?

Are there any specific recreation projects you would like the County to con...

Create and provide maps for a birdwatching trail

Stop being so cheap!

Public access for lakes/rivers

more pickleball courts, nature trails, paved trails around lake mitchell for biking, more playgrounds

MTB trail on West side of lakes.

No

none

Add outdoor pickleball courts.

BMX bike track

Lake Cadillac need to have weeds removed!!!!!!!!!!!!

Recreation projects throughout the county, not just in Cadillac.

Not sure

See above

Outdoor pickle ball courts (8 at one location to support tournaments). Pickle ball tournaments are big draws to areas that can accommodate them.

trail systems for atv and maps for the public

see above

Different places for teens and kids to go and do games and Different stuff for them but in Different buildings..and stuff for older adults to go and do Different stuff

Concerts and more festivals

Splash pad for the city of Manton for kids under 13

Water Parks

Yes

Are there any specific recreation projects you would like the County to con...

Better lake beaches

Paved walking paths at the fairgrounds with a playground available. The grounds are seldom used and this could be a great attraction.

Outdoor pickleball courts

Better safer splash pad less concrete within the area.. with attached park

8+ outdoor Pickleball courts

Biking trail system north

More hands on activities for all ages

Colfax Township Park -

Safer roads for biking around Lake Mitchell.

Clean up existing parks for the public to use.

Evening, indoor pickle ball for amateurs.

Activities for lower income families, activities for seniors

Expanding bike trails to manton and/or lake city

No

Opportunities for fishing from shore for handicapped without having a long walk to access it, preferably on Lake Mitchell

Oitdoor pickle ball courts

Pickleball park

Outdoor pickleball courts

Pickle ball courts

more blacktop trails

Additional outdoor Pickleball courts

Pickleball

New pickleball courts at Diggins in the valley next to the tennis courts for good wind protection, resurfacing of the tennis courts

More pb courts

Are there any specific recreation projects you would like the County to con...

Indoor Sports Complex, Purpose Built MTB trails

Provide an indoor/outdoor facility for pickleball use, especially tournaments.

City dock is in bad shape. Blue park's turf is getting all cracked and should be repaired

Dedicated pickleball courts, at least six-to-eight in one location. It's one of the fastest growing activities in the country. And one has to travel an hour or more to find a location like that.

8 Pickleball courts at the Wex so tournaments can be held to promote our community as it would bring participants from outside our county

Outdoor pickleball courts

Outdoor Pickleball courts at least 8

Outdoor pickle ball courts

Year round activities

Pickleball courts at the civic fair ground area.

Pickleball courts as mentioned

New Pickleball courts please

More parking for walkers by Lake Cadillac.

More outdoor Pickleball courts

Pickle ball courts

8 or more outdoor dedicated pickleball courts to be used in weekly rec play and for tournaments

More nature trails and a just a general outdoor play area for the kids

Corn hole

Select State

Interconnecting trails; more outdoor Pickleball close together so tournaments can be held

Indoor Soccer facility....Or indoor field of some sort to allow for competitive sports leagues and practices year round. Sand Volleyball pits somewhere!

More Pickleball courts

Improve the Clam River walkway by opening up the river portion under parking lots in town.

Are there any specific recreation projects you would like the County to con...

Campfire pits? Updating outdoor grills?

Diggins Hill expansion to be a winter rec area

More snowmobile trails

MTB trails

Bike trails

Pool! Aquatic center with water slides.

Yes, a bike trail on 41 road and improvements to the Wex (bathrooms and drinking fountains). We also need more options for winter. I think everyone group in the area should partner to get a downtown theatre for plays, movies, bands, etc.

Walk/bike trail around Lake Mitchell and Cadillac

Work with DNR to create a public shooting range. Too many shooters are on Cadillac Pathways which may one day result in an accident.

A low cost public pool - the ymca is fairly expensive to use

Start to maintain what you have.

I would love to see the beaches expanded to include volleyball nets

Pickleball courts.

Another disc golf course; large, clean waterfront play area

The Wex & fairgrounds!

Open more off road trails

NA

not really, just more use of the Wex

We need an area that teenagers can hang out but stay out of trouble. The ice rink always has teens and can use a lot of updates/fixing (parking lot). options to add maybe basketball half courts would be nice.

Bike path along Leeson, replace path between State Park & Sunnyside, more paved paths.

A site with 8+ pickleball courts as a venue (a court here or there scattered around challenges accessibility)

More pickleball courts.

fix the connecting trails going north

Are there any specific recreation projects you would like the County to con...

Again, the civic arena. We invite the governor and hundreds of others to a poorly landscaped, terrible parking lot with visible decaying outbuildings. They then walk to the cigarette-strewn, dingy entrance and are greeted by the smell of dingy, outdated bathrooms. The auditorium is just barely kept clean. Smaller communities show far more pride in their recreational facilities. The Board of Commissioners should rescind the unwarranted raise and use funding to reinvest in parks and facilities that serve the public and become a source of pride.

Would love to see more pickleball courts and racquetball rooms. Racquetball can be played by one person. Good exercise and a partner not necessary. Where I used to live there were racquetball concrete structures in the park.

Something in Mesick

improving and promoting what we have including the Veterans Serving Veterans park.

Pickleball. It's something people of all ages can do.

Equestrian trails

Include quite recreational pursuits in all planning - hiking, walking, snowshoeing, bird watching, biking, etc. Don't just focus on ATV, snowmobiles, etc.

Disc golf, Manistee River access

Kentwood beach upgrade

We live in Michigan

Improving the trail over by Caberfae. Mackenzie trail?

Anything that improves or benefits the ice arena or Cadillac in general. Largest chunk of the population is here

Clean up and reclamation of Diggins Hill/ Park

Focusing on teens

Co project with the National Forest Service to build mountain bike trails in the Briar Hill area of the county. Briar Hill is one of, if not the, highest point in the lower peninsula and its surrounding elevation profile would lend great to modern MTB flow trail. People already come from all over the state to ride the nearby North Country Trail section from Dillings to Marilla rd, having more high quality trail would make it even more of a destination. Hardy Dam is a good example of recent success, and also Marquette.

More rentable boat docks

There is a constant complaint that Cadillac needs an indoor play space for kids.

Extend the White Pine Trail through Wexford County

Construction and maintenance of pickleball courts and trails.

Projects that include the WHOLE County, not just Cadillac

Atv gravel pit

Are there any specific recreation projects you would like the County to con...

Recreation events not revolving around drinking alcohol

Pickleball courts at diggins hill area

A year-round pavilion with a community aviation discovery area similar to Jack Barstow Airport only better. This could serve multiple events such as monthly veterans coffee hours and educational field trips and camps.

Yes: upgrades to the district fair buildings and grounds and development of outdoor performance schedules for area schools, colleges and musician groups. Weekend summertime concerts for families and seniors there could be a good thing if well organized to fit in with already established concerts in the park, Elks Lodge, Interlochen, etc.

Mountain bike trails

Michigan

Child Science Center

Mostly going through and revamping the existing ones. I see so many young adults out playing disk golf and it's horrible.

county campground near Hodenpyl dam

indoor for winter

More children's facilities. Doesn't necessarily have to be a park, but somewhere children ages 2 and up can go and meet other children in a facility-type setting that would also accommodate during the winter months. Jungle gym, equipment- balls, mazes, building blocks, etc.

More and better improvements to trails and buildings on trails.

Get the litter, trash, growth out of the clam river - it is nasty and embarrassing

A rock climbing wall

Michigan

Wild life viewing

Trash cans/prota-poty, lights and workers at each.

No

Disc golf. Clean up Diggins

Upgrade current areas first then work on new projects

Splash pad in Manton

Improvement and clean up of lakes Cadillac and Mitchell and the Clam River including the dam with better overall wildlife and water management.

Are there any specific recreation projects you would like the County to con...

Paved track at fairgrounds

Shade at the pavilion.

No - but include as much green/grass as possible

Atv/orv staging area

Q26 - Please provide general comments below on Wexford County Parks and Recreation system, specific facilities, or your ideas on how to improve recreational opportunities.

Please provide general comments below on Wexford County Parks and Recreatio...

make sure they are maintained.

The property where the fairgrounds are at corner of Mitchell St and 13th street would be better suited for development of retail, hotel, restaurant, and year-round recreation. The fairgrounds should be moved to a more rural, central area of the county near a well-traveled highway like M115 somewhere between Boon Rd and Mesick. A new fairground property in this area could also serve as a campground.

Compared to many counties, Wexford does not seem to be that interested in recreation.

see above

The current facilities seemed to be used a lot by the community and maintained well by the County too.

?

Meawataka (day huff)lake the sea wall needs a lot of boards replaced

More communication with residents on what is open and available

Specifically, besides outdoor pickleball courts, the lighting and floor in the Wex auditorium should be improved.

A comprehensive Wexford county recreation map.

N/a

all our money goes into the ice arena we would like money for other things

NA

In Cadillac

There needs to be more for the public to do all year round especially if you don't ski or own a boat

Manton RV Camp grounds need a lot of new equipment. Such as , electric upgrades, better restrooms and better playground equipment

Lazy river area to float on inner tubes but you're not at a fancy resort

Zip lines for families shelters for picnics in the sunny beach, like around Lake Michigan but on our little lakes

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We need cleaner and better maintained beaches.

Is there a committee? Who decides where funds are used?

More events for kids at the wex

Seems very limited. Why a park in Boon and no where else? Or is there?

Add partial power, expand sites, recreational center with basketball court & playground/ pavilion on the picnic side for day use for family use or create a actual board for the project , get quotes, take suggestions it will be here for centuries

Promote the north end of the White Pine Trail as more of a destination.

Step up and help with the Civic Center and the fairgrounds. Residents should not have to go in and clean and do ground maintenance for upcoming fair.

As Cadillac grows, we will need more parks. Not necessarily big parks, but some different areas for everyone. Kids and seniors matter. We are trail riders but can't find trail maps or markers very easily.

Overall we have a lot of things and they are generally well maintained; our family favoites are biking, splashpad and parks. So expansions on any of those we would support.

Pickleball park that all ages players can enjoy and hosting tournaments that bring tourists to the city

foster social clubs designed to bring the community together for those with similar interests. Similar to meet up.

Pickleball courts are popping up around town, but there doesn't seem to be enough to keep up with the increasing demand. If you look across the US Pickleball is gaining steam as a multi-generational sport. To have some municipal courts that are well maintained and "state of the art" could draw players for tournaments from all over Michigan with the right branding and promoting.

Repair and or create new courts.

Can restrooms be open earlier in the spring and later in the fall? General upkeep on areas already developed. The Wex restrooms are in poor condition. Parking for the downtown waterfront area is crazy when there is an event.

None

The future of recreation looks good for Pickleball and the interest it generates for all ages

Sad to read in Cadillac News article that people are not aware of all county parks. Wesford County, this is YOUR fault!

Build a minimum of 8 pickle ball courts

Select State

Barrier free; grateful for what exists but need more with encouragement for all ages to be be out and moving

Focus on universal access to lakes

Please provide general comments below on Wexford County Parks and Recreatio...

All in all, I think Wexford County is doing a fantastic job to keep the Cadillac area a great destination.

Partner with area businesses to attract increased tourism

Create a Park District and allow them to levy a millage.

I think it just needs to be made more of a priority. We also

Make Parks a place to walk and bike. We moved to MI from OH because we love all the Rail-to-Trails

Again, maintain the facilities. Make them look and feel up to date, high quality, and attractive.

Not interested in opening up more roads for off road vehicle use. It is too dangerous.

No orvs or side by sides

Higher focus on maintenance leads to less rebuilding in future years

Cleaner

perhaps more "outhouses" on trail areas?

we have a nice walk way around part of the lake, but I do not feel safe walking or riding a bike lane with young children completely around the lake.

Often, new facilities are built but receive little or no maintenance. Maintain what we have!

The Wex is not attractive, either inside or out.

Do what you can to stop the DNR from looting the pathway of trees to sell off the wood. Cutting all trees down is markedly decreasing the walking, hiking experience. Tourists will not come for this.

There is so much opportunity for Wexford County to be a destination, but continued resistance from the city of Cadillac to find a path for snowmobiles forces riders to other destinations. These people have their pockets full of money to spend, but the Cadillac area basically tells them to take it elsewhere.

I've made my point. The Board momentarily had the funds to make a difference...and didn't.

I think it's important to maintain what we have. I see more trash on our hikes all the time and there is squatting near the Seeley Road trailhead of the Cadillac Pathway. We weren't confronted by anyone, but it is concerning. I would not like the beauty of this area destroyed. It will happen over time if not addressed.

I appreciate all the different options available for my kids and myself to use in Wexford County.

We have the foundation of a good system we just need to improve/update what we have and then look at ways to expand.

Very limited. Poor compared to many counties.

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There isn't much to do at the parks. Grills, pavilions, walking trails, camping and glamping, fishing piers, pickleball, dog areas, kayak launches, interpretive signs and murals about the County history.

Dont let them get crowded

Funding will need to be increased and committed; then leveraged through collaborations with area governments, nonprofit organizations, and community philanthropists.

I own 40+ acres in Cedar Creek Township, so I do pay taxes to the county. I might consider donating this land sometime in the future if I leave the area. I am a disc golf course designer with 20+ years of experience, and would be happy to assist the County in adding or improving disc golf facilities.

More organized/city sponsored or group sponsored activities

It would bring people from all over

The Long Lake area is a hidden gem that could be used to connect the NCT to the Cadillac Pathway and the White Pine Trail. And your survey needs to be specific about BIKING. Road biking, gravel road biking, and mountain biking all have different needs.

New scoreboard and sound for ice rink. Replace old boards and glass.

We need to focus on our existing parks. They are in desperate need of some TLC. Put funding into bringing these family fun areas back to life.

Keep the ability to maintain these parks in mind. Current parks appear in disrepair.

I realize these are standard questions, however the County doesn't operate any Parks & Recreation assets other than The Wex and the park in Boon. Is the County looking to take on more physical assets and who would manage them?

Before this I didnt even know we have a Parks and Rec department. I know about the city parks but not much about the county.

Wexford Civic Arena needs to be updated, especially the bathrooms.

Need more marketing of what is available.

We need more activities for kids

Awareness. Of facilities & event schedule

Include facilities at the airport that brings more value to the people of the community and helps educate and motivate aviation careers while attracting new businesses to Wexford County.

Routine maintenance and safety patrols.

There are none within a reasonable distance.

Recreation opportunities should be balanced geographically across the county.

You all do great and are greatly appreciated. Landscaping looks beautiful. Let power wash sidewalks, keep beaches cleaner and update activity areas.

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no additional ideas

Nothing much to add here really other than ensuring the current parks and recreation systems are maintained and that the community knows about them. Maybe advertising in public places?

Work with outside agencies to help host events. Rotary does a white pine ride that could be supported.

Try to make them affordable for all

Michigan

Need to be cleaned Kenwood beach is nasty littered with trash and overall very dirty

Trash cans, porta-potty, lights and workers at each

The Wex and Fairgrounds have such potential for all types of recreational activities. Some of these could include concerts, indoor events like winter car shows, rv shows, home and garden shows, etc... It would do the community a disservice if the community lost them. .

Promote trail extension for tourists. Also make Cadillac/Wexford disc golf destination

N/A

PFAS is a huge issue and testing especially surrounding the Clam River and remediation of the areas affected should be a primary focus.

More live music in the pavilion

I love walking down near the lake but cant safely do so in the winter

need more concerts for all ages

Phomenol jobs done - when maintenance is kept up

Pinochle park needs to be improved so it can be used and we need an ATV/ ORV staging area