

**SAILFISH PARK  
SITE-SPECIFIC MASTER PLAN  
TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH,  
NORTH CAROLINA  
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# Section 1

## Project Overview

### Introduction

According to the 2019 Holden Beach Land Use Plan, the Town's vision statement reads, "Holden Beach will utilize its available resources to be an inclusive, family-oriented, residential community that strives to protect and sustain its natural habitat and recreational beaches for current and future generations."

The Town of Holden Beach recognizes the importance of *planning* as a means of improving recreation opportunities for all its residents and visitors. As a result, the Holden Beach Board of Commissioners hired McGill to create a Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2021. The recommendations from this plan included upgrades to Sailfish Park. Building on these recommendations, the Town of Holden Beach contracted McGill to develop a Site-Specific Park Master Plan for the existing Sailfish Park. The project site is at the end of Sailfish Street and is along the Intracoastal Waterway (ICW). With this recommendation, the Town has moved forward with the development of the Site-Specific Master Plan as part of the initial planning effort.

Public input played an important role in understanding user needs and desires for this Master Plan. The public input and staff meetings led to the development of this study's recommendations.

As part of the community outreach, two public meetings were held to solicit public opinion about possible improvements to Sailfish Park. As part of these meetings, participants were asked to identify and prioritize the lack of recreation facilities and programs and those that could be further developed.

A parks and recreation survey / questionnaire was distributed throughout the community to gather additional input for future facility needs and programming elements. This had a strong participation rate and the reoccurring themes included desire for paddle access and concerns that park development would impact the residents who live near the park by increasing traffic. There was also apprehension about how park development could adversely impact the environment and potentially draw too many visitors to a small park.

The McGill team and Town staff worked to analyze and evaluate this study's findings along with other data collected throughout the planning process. These meetings highlighted the needs of both the community and Town staff.



Final recommendations and conceptual designs drawn from these collaborative efforts are discussed in further detail in sections four and five of this document.

## **Town History**

According to the Town's official web page ([hbtownhall.com](http://hbtownhall.com)), Holden Beach is located in eastern Brunswick County. The Town was officially incorporated in 1969.

The Town of Holden Beach, like most central coastal communities in North Carolina, has seen steadily increasing growth and development in its jurisdiction over the last 30 years. This increase in development has been primarily attributed to overflow from the growth of larger cities in the state and increases in the retiree population relocating to more affordable communities.

## **Local Setting**

The Town of Holden Beach, known as the "family beach," is located midway between the popular and commercialized coastal cities of Wilmington, North Carolina, and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. However, as a small coastal barrier island, it exudes the feeling of a quaint beach town. With over eight miles of clean, sandy beaches and a year-round moderate temperature, Holden Beach is a place where many visitors choose to experience a unique, quiet, family-oriented atmosphere. The small-town atmosphere on the island is considered by many as a reason to keep coming back year after year.

Boating, fishing, hiking, and shell hunting are very popular activities on the island. Golfing is another prominent pastime, and there are over 125 superb golf courses located within proximity of the island. The island is also a sea turtle habitat, and during the hatching season (May through October), visitors can witness one of nature's most interesting pleasures — watching hundreds of small sea turtles wriggle out of the sand and crawl to the ocean.

Holden Beach — with its quaint coastal-island feel — provides both residents and visitors with a wholesome, family-oriented atmosphere that offers access to a beautiful maritime backdrop. This environment, along with the natural setting, provides great opportunities for multiple forms of recreational activities that will improve the community's quality of life.

## **Demographic Profile**

A review of the demographic information for the Town of Holden Beach has been evaluated to better understand the characteristics of the community. It also serves as a tool to identify future trends and projections that may influence

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recreation and park planning. Demographic information is an important factor in determining the need for recreation in the community.

When exploring the demographic profile of a community, the total population is an important factor but not the only factor that should be considered. The demographic makeup is vitally important, as no two communities are the same. Noted below are some key demographic considerations that were factored in to ensure survey respondents were representative of the Holden Beach population.

Age

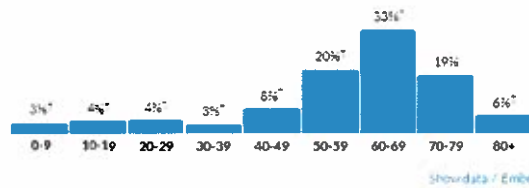
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Median age

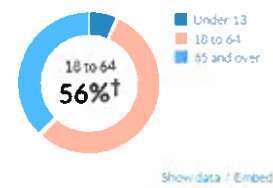
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more than 1.5 times the figure in North Carolina: 39

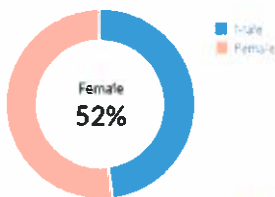
Population by age range



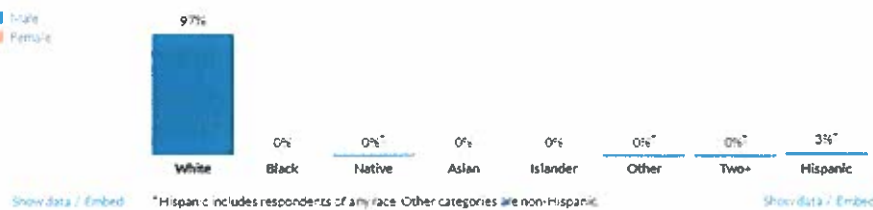
Population by age category



Sex



Race & Ethnicity



**United States Census Bureau (2021) American Community Survey five-year estimates via CensusReporter.org**

Source: <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US3731960-holden-beach-nc/>

When planning recreation, it is important to consider the impact of vacationers, visitors, and temporary residents visiting the community on a seasonal basis. Typically, the seasonal population has the greatest impact on services and resources from the end of May to the beginning of November. Populations in beach municipalities can vary throughout a given year. Determining how the seasonal population impacts a town can be difficult, due to a range of factors that must be considered in estimating the peak population. In addition, population (year-round) figures established by the state demographer and the United States Census Bureau do not account for the seasonal population.

While the permanent residents of the Town of Holden Beach are the key members to plan for, it is also important to understand that the seasonal population plays a big role in how the park facilities are used, and any necessary recommendations must account for this large group of people.



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## Units & Occupancy

**2,400**

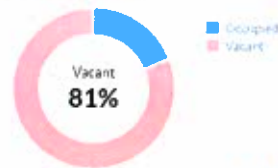
Number of housing units

the Myrtle Beach-Conway-North Myrtle Beach

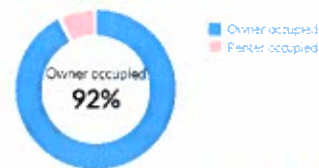
SC-NC Metro Area: 239,848

North Carolina: 4,573,933

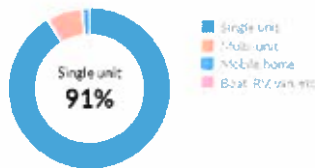
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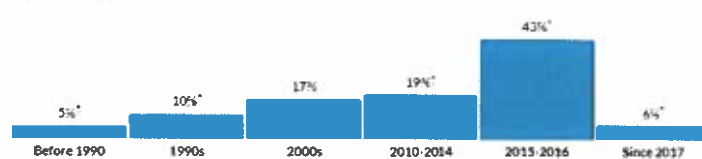
Ownership of occupied units



Types of structure



Year moved in, by percentage of population



United States Census Bureau (2021). American Community Survey five-year estimates. Source: <https://censusreporter.org/profiles/16000US3731960-holden-beach-nc/>

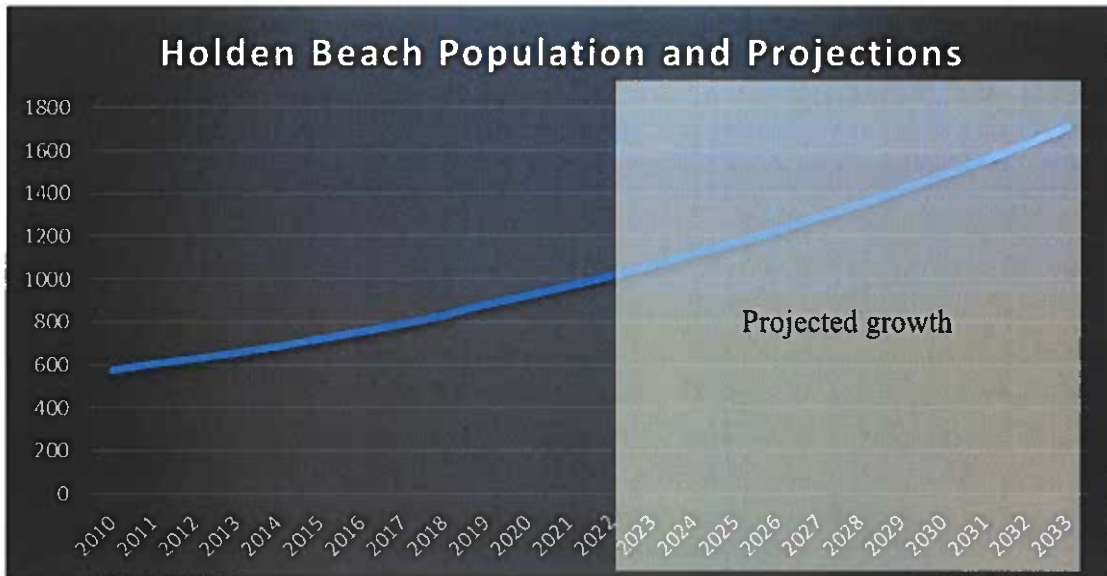
## Town of Holden Beach Population Projections

Population projections can vary widely, due to intervening factors, such as the strength of the economy, availability of jobs, and housing prices. Population projections identify potential challenges and needs that may confront the community in the future.

The North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) provides county population projections, but not municipal population projections. According to the state demographer's components of population change, Brunswick County's population is expected to increase due to migration into the county. Although the components of change from natural increase, births, and deaths will have a minor impact on the county's population decline, an increase is expected to be far greater than any potential population decrease. It is assumed that this trend of population change will be the same for Holden Beach.

The table below contains the general demographic characteristics for full-time residents of Holden Beach, ascertained by the 2021 North Carolina OSBM estimates. The projections offered in the plan utilize data from OSBM.

Since 2010, Holden Beach has experienced a steady population growth rate ranging between 4.0% and 6.4%, with an average growth rate of 4.9%. This is a trend that will likely continue as more individuals are attracted to the coastal lifestyle and the opportunities that it provides.



**OSBM Municipal Population Estimates obtained on 6/14/23**

Source: <https://www.osbm.nc.gov/facts-figures/population-demographics/state-demographer/municipal-population-estimates>

The chart also includes population projections that use this 4.9% growth rate average. However, it is important to note that the population projection is purely based upon this growth rate and does not take into consideration limiting or expansionary efforts that Holden Beach may have / will put in place.

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## Section 2 Site Analysis



SAILFISH PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS MAP  
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*Aerial view of Sailfish Park with red property boundary; see larger map in Appendix.*

### Inventory

Sailfish Park is a small, passive park located on the western half of the island and directly on the ICW. The park provides visitors access to open space, a fishing dock, picnic tables, nature observation, and a sand beach with ICW access.

The park site currently has informal amenities but does offer the following recreation opportunities:

**Wildlife Observation / Fishing Pier:** This is a very small wildlife observation area located on the inlet from the ICW to the community adjacent to the park. The size of this pier likely limits use to a person who is able-bodied.



**Picnic Area:** The bulk of the park serves as an informal picnic area. While there are picnic tables that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act



(ADA) there are no accessible routes to the picnic tables, no grill areas, limited tree cover, and no built shade structures. There are several picnic tables, but there is only one trash receptacle for the entire park. This current arrangement increases the likelihood of litter on site, which should not be understated, due to the proximity of the park to environmentally sensitive areas.



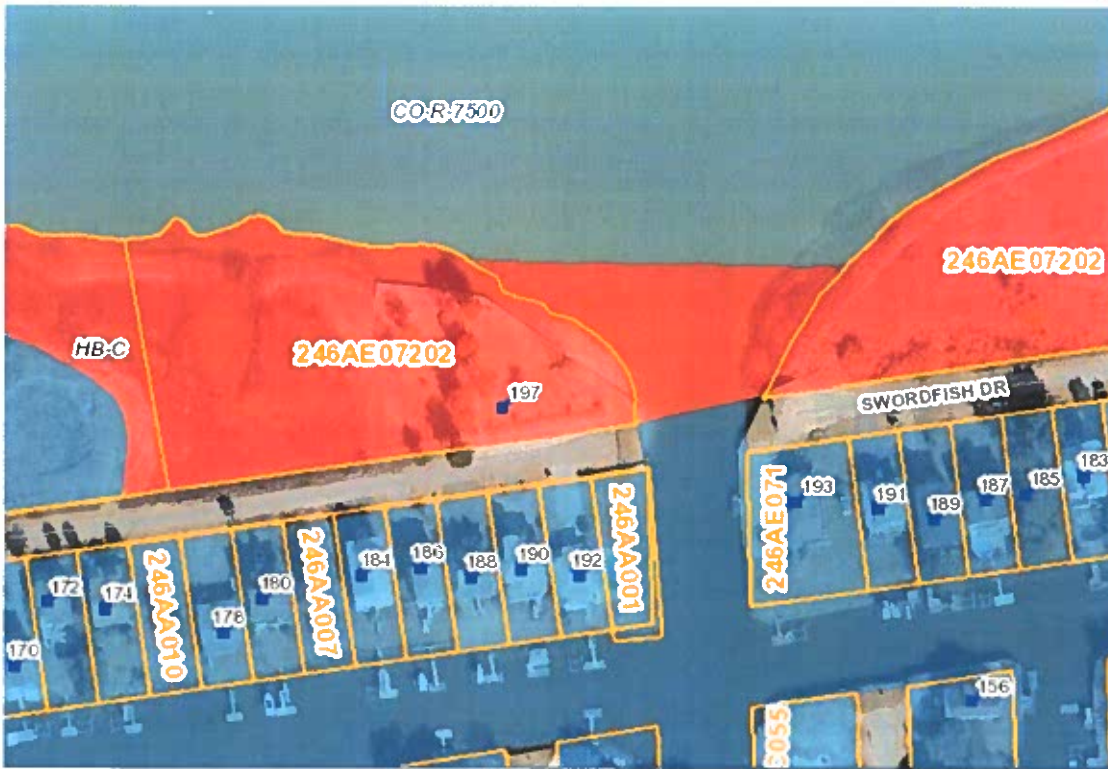
**Informal Paddle Launch:** The site's current development is useful for a kayak / canoe launch. However, there is no ADA-accessible route to the area of the park that is most functional as a paddle-access launch.



**General Notes on Current Amenities:** The park site, as it currently stands, is generally not ADA accessible and lacks development features that would limit environmental degradation.

**Zoning:** The park site is zoned HB-C and is almost exclusively surrounded by residential property. The exception is ICW.





### Surrounding Land Use

Immediately surrounding the park are developed residential properties. The park is generally only walkable to residents and visitors within proximity of the park. Noted below are the park (green) and residences within a 0.75-mile walking route (yellow).



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Given Sailfish Park's location on the island, its half-mile service radius (based on park type), and the requirement that visitors to Holden Beach pass the larger Bridgeview Park and similar Sand Dollar Park, it is reasonable to expect that Sailfish Park will continue to serve primarily the western third of the island as a small, passive, day-use park.

### Utilities

The park currently lacks utilities. Water lines and electrical service are available along Sailfish Street.

### Maintenance

Currently, the town provides mowing, vector control, canal dredging, and maintenance of the bulkhead.

### Parking

Parking at Sailfish Park is considered informal, meaning it is unstructured without delineated spaces. This lack of structure promotes over-parking which leads to environmental degradation and runoff, and parking on private property. The two handicapped parking spaces are marked with a sign on the fence and have no space delineation or improved surface, therefore limiting their function, and are not compliant with ADA.



### Existing Structures

There are limited permanent structures on site. Fencing in the parking area, the small observation / fishing pier, and the seawall are the only permanent structures on the site currently.

### Natural Features

#### Topography

Brunswick County GIS data presents that the topography of the land at the park site is generally flat. Seawalls on the park site provide a four-foot elevation change between the







site and the ICW. A slight knoll exists nearly at the center of the site.

### Vegetation

Vegetation on the upland portion of the site consists generally of dwarf palmetto or young cabbage palm and mature white cedar trees, along with a few young live oaks. While not exclusive, typical coastal species were seen on the site and included marsh grass, smooth cord grass (*Spartina Alterniflora*), American beach grass (*Ammophila Breviligulata*), bitter panicum (*Panicum Amarum*), soft rush (*Juncus Effuses*), Bermuda and Centipede lawn grass, annual Ragweed, and Swamp Dock.

### Wetlands

Brunswick County GIS data presents that nearly two-thirds of the site is classified as salt / brackish wetlands. This designation is an important environmental consideration and a factor that will limit what type of development / amenities are suitable for the park site.



### Drainage

Due to the very sandy soil of Sailfish Park, the site does not have any significant drainage problems. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service soil report for Sailfish Park, the depth to restrictive drainage features are more than 80 inches below the surface, thus classifying the soils as "well-drained."

### Soils

Soils found on the site consist of Carteret loamy fine sand and Newhan fine sand-dredged type that make up approximately 78.5% of the site's soil. The Newhan series consists of excessively drained soil, formed from sands deposited by wind. Slopes range from 0 to 30 percent. Approximately 21.5% of the site's soil consists of Carteret loamy fine sand, which typically is found on 0 percent slopes near polyhaline tidal marshes.

According to the USDA Soil Survey data, these soils may be challenging for the construction of structures and other permanent built features. Typical recreation amenities, such as trails, can be constructed but, due to a high-water table, some locations may require elevated spans of boardwalk and / or a maintenance plan in place to mitigate potential damage to flooding. See the USDA Soil Survey map

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below of the Sailfish Park property showing suitability for trails and dwellings without basements.

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres In AOI	Percent of AOI
CA	Carteret loamy fine sand	0.3	21.5%
NhE	Newhan fine sand, dredged, 2 to 30 percent slopes	1.1	78.5%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>1.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



The areas in red indicate where development would be limited, requiring mitigation of soil before construction. Overall, the park site will accommodate many types of recreation improvements with proper planning and typical mitigation techniques.

### Flooding Hazard

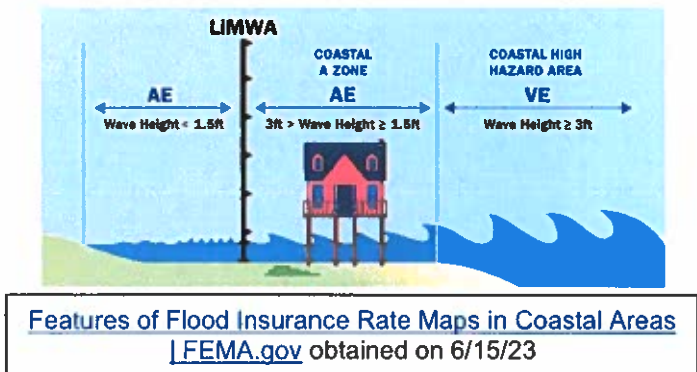
Brunswick County GIS data presents that the park site is completely contained within the Coastal High Hazard Area. The Federal Emergency Management

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Agency (FEMA) illustrates coastal areas by presenting what common coastal zones could likely face during floods. Parks are sometimes built in flood-prone areas where other more intensive forms of development, such as residential, industrial, or commercial projects, would not be feasible.

Passive parks, like Sailfish, are generally complimentary to flood zones. The site must receive developmental elements that are compatible with the flooding that will likely occur. In some cases, local governments utilize park development in a way that also helps to mitigate the potential for flood damage to nearby residents whose properties are in the flood zone.



Flood risk mapping from the North Carolina Flood Risk Information System NCFRIS (<https://fris.nc.gov>)

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## Section 3 Public Involvement

### Community Survey

The active participation of residents in the Town of Holden Beach was crucial in developing a Site-Specific Master Plan that reflects the true needs of the Town. Community input was solicited throughout the entire planning process. A project marketing card was developed to encourage awareness of the project and to provide both a web address to the community survey as well as a QR code that interested individuals could use via mobile devices to reach the online survey and provide their input.

To gather further public input and reach the broadest cross-section of residents, a printed version of the master plan surveys was made available at both the community meetings and via Town Hall. The following subsection summarizes the results of the community survey.

The Town received a total of 490 completed surveys specifically related to Sailfish Park. This plan also takes into consideration the strong public input that was collected as part of the 2021 Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Both surveys had high response rates and accounted for approximately half of the Town's population. These results included both the survey handouts and the online survey results. The surveys provided data collection from all persons in the household of the survey respondent. The survey data collected for both the Sailfish-specific and comprehensive plans represents a good demographic cross-section of the Town of Holden Beach.

### Holden Beach Demographic makeup

#### Age

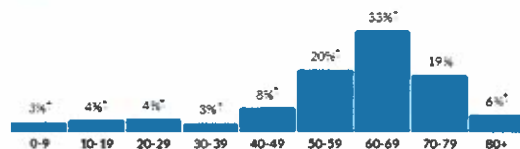
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#### Median age

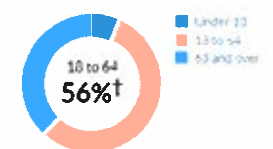
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Population by age range

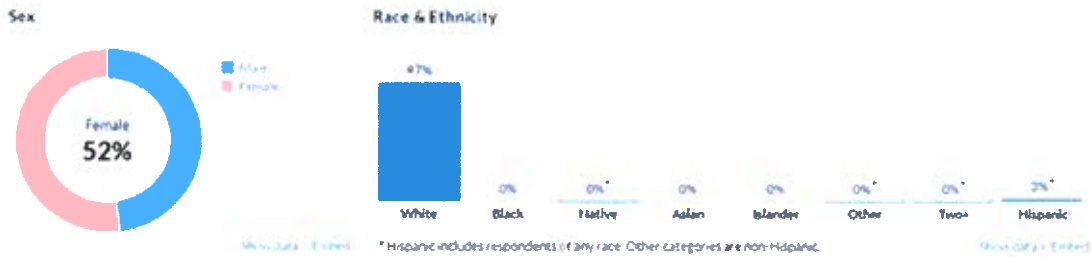


Population by age category



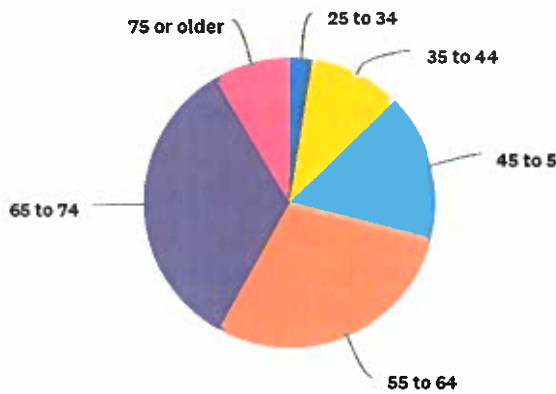


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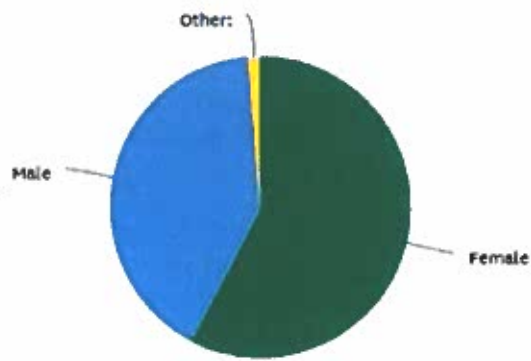
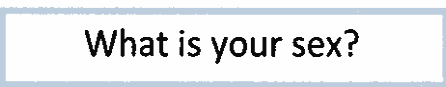


What is your age?

Answered: 480 Skipped: 10



What is your sex?



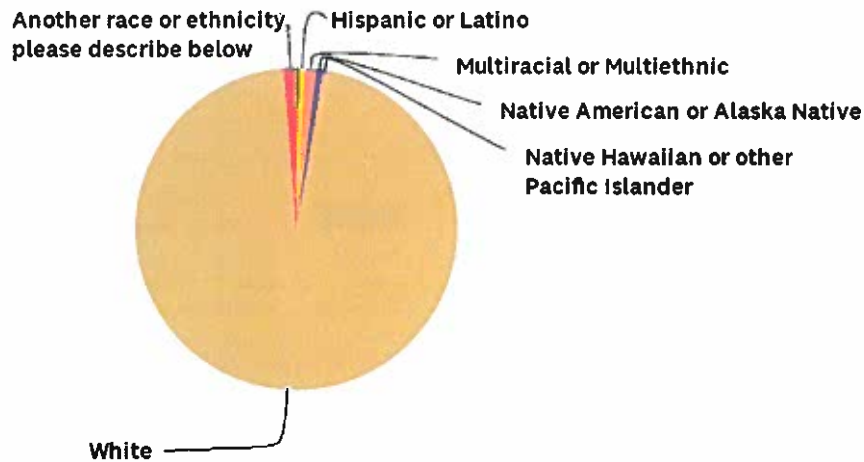
The survey responses are generally reflective of the population. However, it is important to note that survey takers were asked to also provide information about their household makeup. When this information is taken into account, it appears that the survey reflects the population well.

The race and ethnicity of Holden Beach are homogeneous with 97% of the population being White with a very small Hispanic population. The survey responses reflected this demographic makeup. Sex identification demographics are also representative of the population. Please see the graph on the next page.



### What is your race or ethnicity?

Answered: 467 Skipped: 23

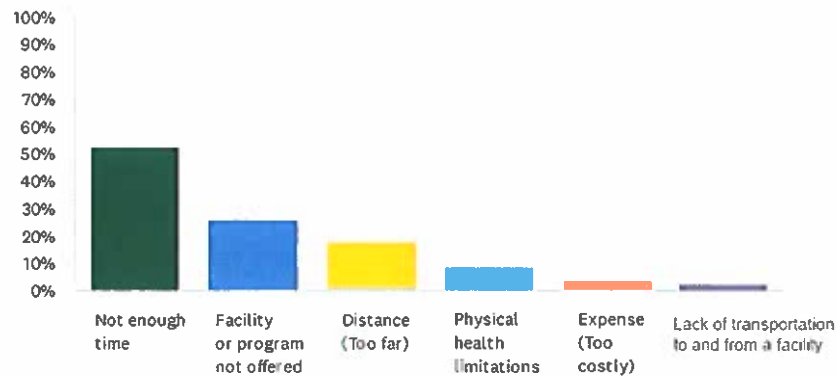


The survey also asked respondents to denote the barriers they report to using public parks and recreation facilities. "Not having enough time" is often the highest typical response reported for this question and this survey's responses support this trend. The second and third highest responses provided by survey participants point toward the lack of nearby facilities. The fourth highest response, physical health limitations, is very important to recognize, as it has already been shown that Holden Beach has a large 55-plus age group, and because of this, any park in the Holden Beach system must stress the importance of accessibility for all users, despite physical limitations due to age or physical ability. This points to the need to comply with ADA requirements for public parks.



## What is the greatest barrier to your household's regular use of public parks or recreational facilities?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 177



The Americans with Disabilities Act was passed by Congress in 1990. It was amended by Congress in 2008. This is the law that protects the civil rights of people with disabilities in many aspects of public life.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal civil rights law that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in everyday activities. The ADA prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability just as other civil rights laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, and religion. ADA guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to enjoy employment opportunities, purchase goods and services, and participate in state and local government programs.

Sourced from <http://www.ADA.gov/laws-and-regs/>

## Community Input Summary

The community input program of community meetings and public surveys served to provide a look at the needs and concerns for recreational opportunities at Sailfish Park. The survey asked respondents to rank the programs and facilities in order of importance to their household and asked them to list the facilities they would like to see added to the park. Below are some of the key survey findings:

In general, most of the participants would like the site to remain a passive park. Survey responses also indicate a desire for the existing amenities of the site to be well-maintained and relevant to most Holden Beach residents' needs. This is reflected in the largest number of requests expressed. Over a quarter of all survey takers would like to see restrooms at the park site. The next highest reported desire was for improved water access, parking, and day-use activities.

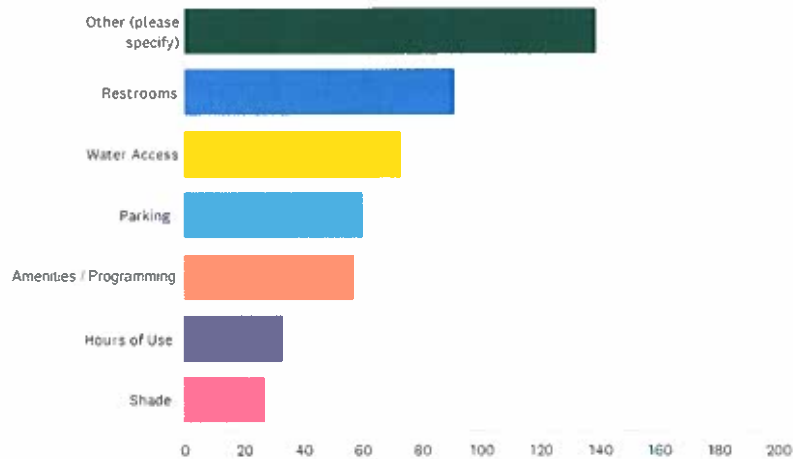
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This is important because there is already water access and on-site parking, indicating the need for better design and maintenance of the existing amenities, more so than the development of additional, novel amenities.

What is the most important consideration to consider when developing improvements for Sailfish Park?

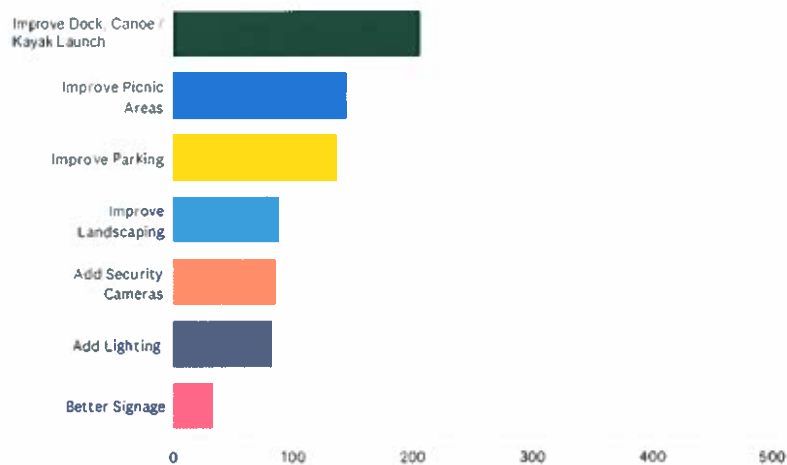
Answered: 479 Skipped: 11



A significant survey response that the park's hours of use be strictly enforced suggests that park improvements not merely consist of physical changes but also reflect specific policy commitments by the Town and coordination with law enforcement and the recreation department.

Check below improvements that could be made to the existing Sailfish Park (188 Sailfish Dr)

Answered: 365 Skipped: 125



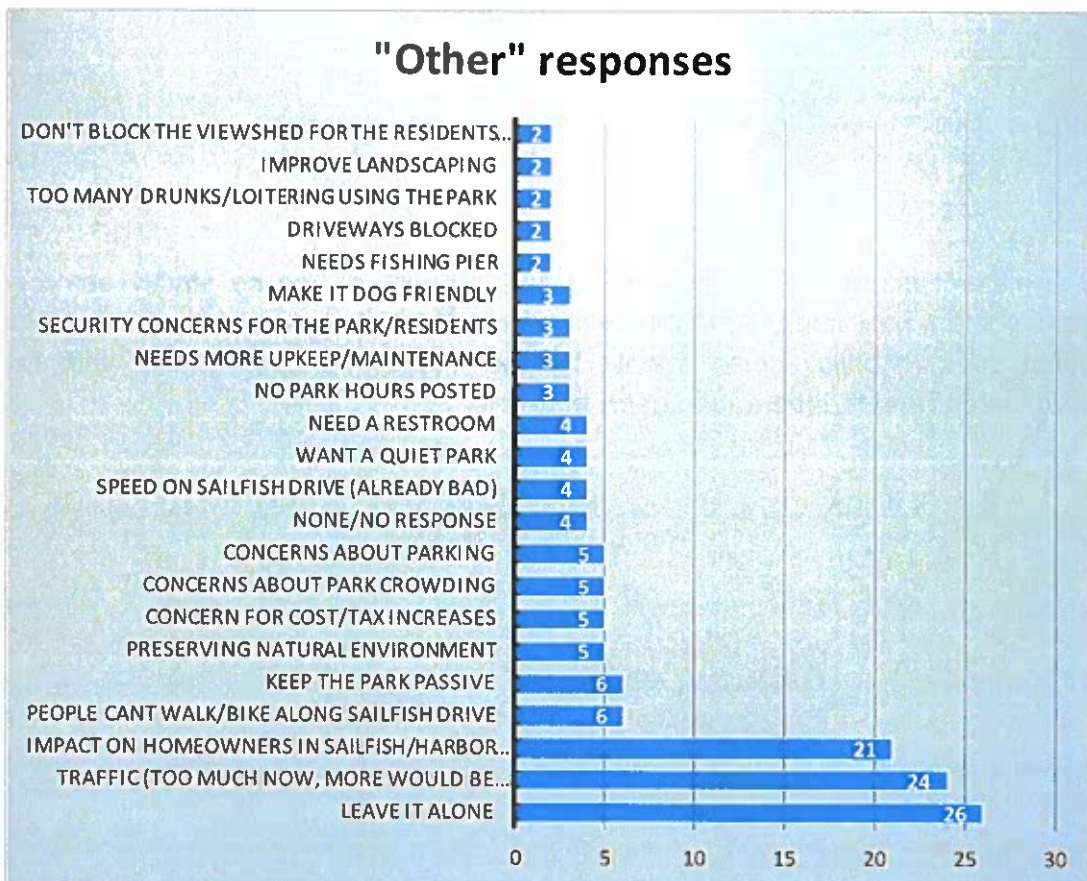


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While "other" responses only represented 5% of the total percentage of survey participants, it is crucial to not overlook this input. These write-in responses present a similar interest but are expressed in a different manner. The response of "leave it alone" points toward a park that is generally meeting the needs of the population. The other general themes that can be taken from this are that there is already a perception of high use and overwhelming vehicular traffic. The perception appears to indicate that site improvements may increase public park patronage, which — in turn — may have an adverse impact on adjacent property owners.

In no way should these comments and expressions be discounted, as it is important to make sure that the impact of planned property improvements considers all public input and opinions.



What is clear is that both supporters of Sailfish Park facility improvements and those opposed to maintaining the public amenities addressed the limitations that this small, mini park presents. The site has an important but small role to play in providing overall recreational services to residents of Holden Beach. Most

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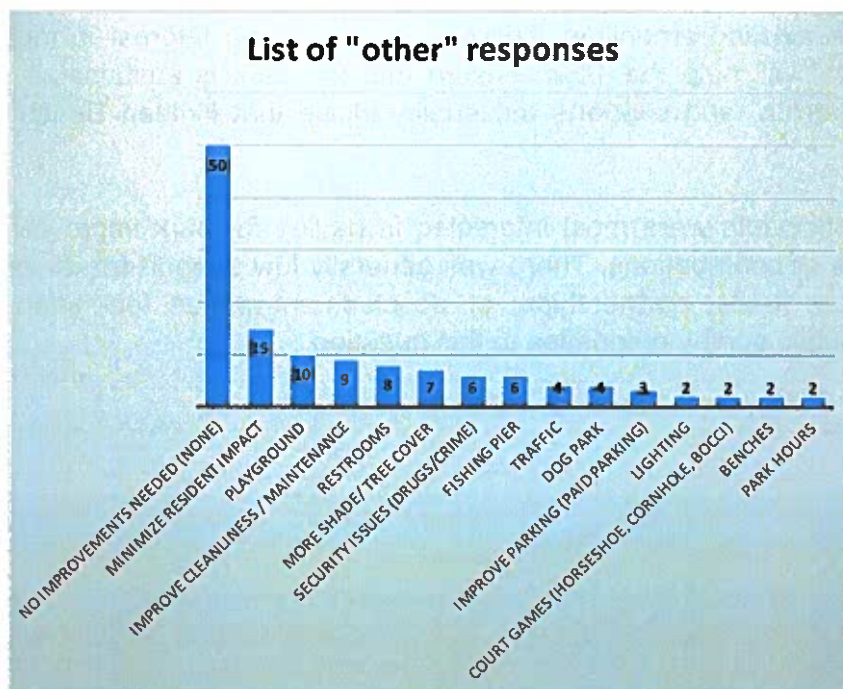


patrons are expected to be generated by neighborhood traffic walking to the park.

The survey explored participants' desires for how to improve the site by asking what specific types of amenities would be well suited. As previously noted, many of the most-requested items were for the development of amenities already offered at the site but in a less formal way. A canoe / kayak launch is currently available at the site but only from the often difficult-to-navigate banks of the ICW. Picnic areas are now informally scattered around the site but could be oriented better for access. The request for improved parking is critical, as the number of spaces in a parking lot has a direct impact on the number of visitors who can visit the site and an informal parking lot can promote unintended congestion of the park site. Parking improvements could better direct where and how many spaces are made available.

Improved landscaping, security monitoring, and informative signage are also items that can promote a safer, more manageable public recreation space.

As with the previous survey question, there were several survey responses where a significant number of "other" responses were written in. Just over 10% of survey participant respondents showed an interest in keeping the park as is. Many of these responses were coupled with secondary concerns about developing the park. Negative resident impacts, safety, and increased vehicular traffic were the most common concerns associated with the "leave it alone" theme.

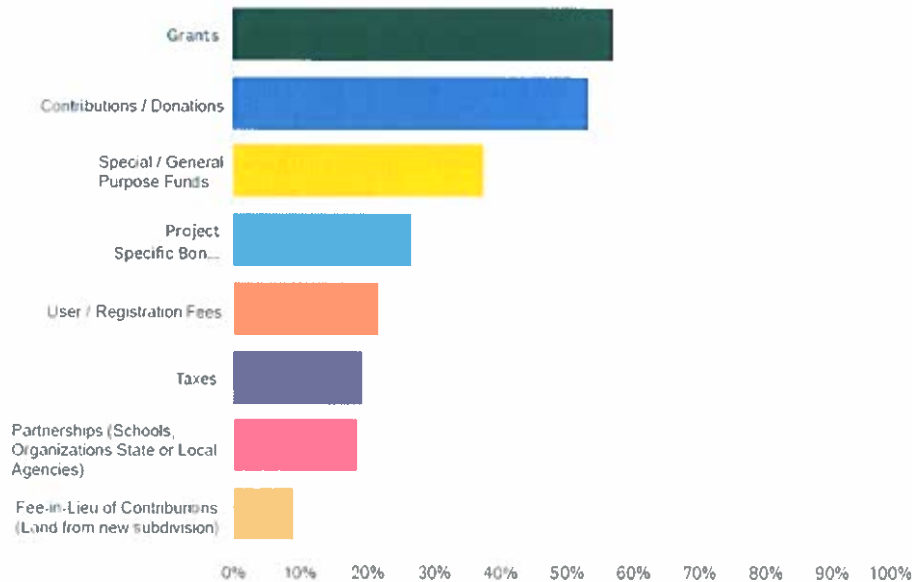


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What, if any, sources of funding are you willing to support in order to make improvements, build new facilities, and create programs?  
Check all that apply.

Answered: 387 Skipped: 103



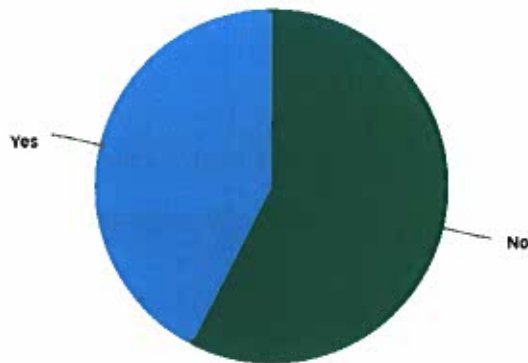
In some ways, the community appeared to be expressing two sides of the same coin. Most responses indicated appreciation for this public recreation resource but also indicated they wanted to see it remain similar or the same as what the Town has traditionally provided. However, there was also a desire to improve and update existing amenities. There was also strong interest in incorporating features that will help the Town ensure that the park is sustainable, does not become overrun, and supports the quality of life that Holden Beach residents love.

Survey participants were most interested in paying for park improvements with grant funds or contributions. There was generally low support for developing the site with tax funds, partnerships, or development-related fee-in-lieu which is typical of public survey responses to this question.



Would you be willing to pay a nominal fee to attend an event or use a special facility?

Answered: 471 Skipped: 19



Responses to the survey question above indicate participants would prefer to not pay for events or special-use facilities.

## Findings

The process by which the proposed Sailfish Park conceptual design was created weighed heavily on the needs and desires of survey participants. The process of asking the public for their opinions was sound and included meaningful community input. Based on this input and additional information gathered on the physical recreational needs and desires of the community, amenities were included that were both desirable and appropriate for the Sailfish Park property. Concepts for planned park improvements will both meet current and anticipated demand for recreation and are intended to enhance the quality of life in Holden Beach.

## Community Meetings

Two public drop-in meetings were conducted to facilitate community input during the initial phase of the Sailfish Master Plan process. These meetings were held on Friday, June 16, 2023 at Sailfish Park from 4–6 pm and on Saturday, June 17, 2023 at Bridgeview Park from 3–5 pm. A total of 55 people participated in the community meetings.

Participants of the community meetings were engaged in one-on-one interactions to ascertain their concerns, goals, and ideas for the future park property. The existing conditions and limitations of the property were discussed. Precedent images of possible park amenities were shown and discussed.

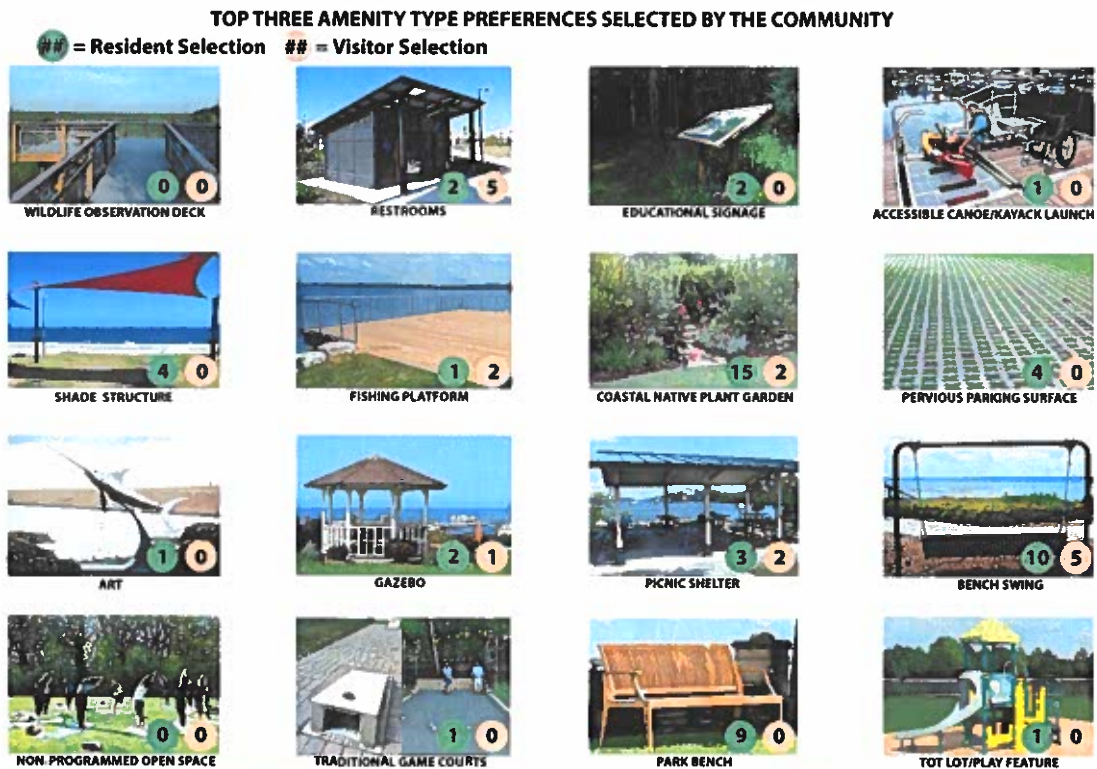


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These open drop-in-style meetings promoted opportunities to share comments, see amenity examples, and ask questions. A board with images of various park amenity examples gave people the opportunity to select the three amenities that they felt would be good additions to Sailfish Park. Findings mirrored the survey results with participants desiring mostly passive recreation offerings and traditional day-use park amenities.

### Visual Preference Results



*Visual preference exercise results from the public meetings.*

At the community meetings, participants were asked to choose three amenities that they would most like to see included in the development of the park. Not all in attendance at the public meeting chose to participate in the visual preference selection.

The visual preference board generally shows interest (in order from highest preferred to least) in having a coastal-native-plants garden, bench swings, park benches, and restrooms. Other notable preferences include a picnic shelter, shade sail, pervious parking, and a fishing platform.



## Other Comments

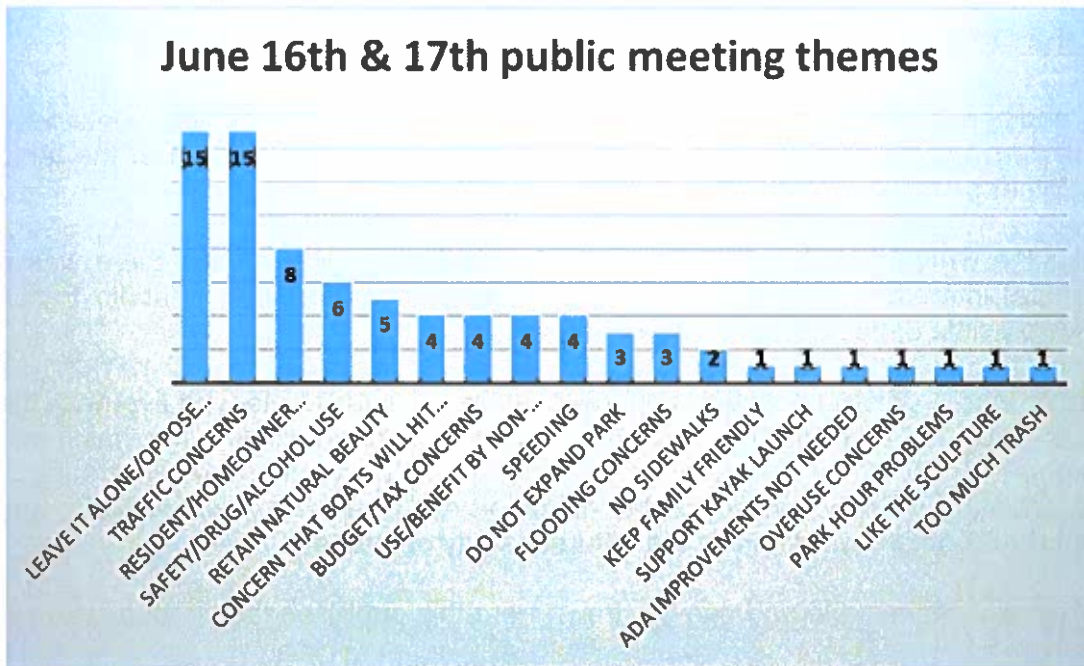
In addition to the visual preference boards, meeting participants' comments were solicited and collected via index cards. Comments were displayed at the table for other participants to read and discuss.

Like the write-in themes that were expressed through the survey, there was a general interest in limiting development at the park and concerns about traffic. Diving a little deeper, a trend began to emerge.

There was a general concern, especially among the residents who live near the park, that the park will be improved in a way that amplifies what has been expressed as existing issues at the site, namely: an increase in traffic, a continuation of cars speeding in the neighborhood, drug use, safety issues, and that development will diminish the natural beauty of the park.

What is very valuable and can be drawn from this public engagement session is that:

1. The park's development should be kept to a minimum.
2. Recreational improvements at the park should consider policy decisions that can help mitigate overuse, which could impact area residents.
3. Park improvements should address issues of traffic, overuse, safety, security, ADA compliance, and environmental sustainability while retaining the site's natural beauty and providing desired amenities.



#### Summation:

- Over 50% of the population participated in the survey; only approximately 5% participated in the public meetings

#### Support for Development

- A large portion of those who participated in public input want to see a park that is minimally developed, which equates to formalizing activities already seen at the park, namely:
  - Improving the existing canoe / kayak access
  - Improving the existing picnic area
  - Improving the existing parking
  - Improving the existing landscaping and lighting

#### Concerns about Development

- A small but substantial subset of the public input has serious concerns about the park development and their concerns, in summary, are:
  - Concerns that residents near the park will be detrimentally impacted by park development
  - Concerns with park usage increasing, if developed
  - Concerns about traffic increasing from a parking update



- Concerns with safety / drug use / alcohol / loud, disruptive behavior in the park
- Concerns about interactions between boating traffic and swimmers / paddlers at the neighborhood's waterway access

*Observation with Consideration of Both Viewpoints*

Interestingly, it appears that both those in favor of the park being improved and those in opposition to improvements are essentially saying the same thing, just in different ways. The commonality appears to be:

- Parking needs to be formalized to ensure that informal parking does not continue to promote park overuse
- Formalize but limit the number of picnic areas
- Formalize the canoe / kayak launch to minimize interaction with boating traffic
- Add security features, consider park hours, and consider policies that ensure the park is a quiet, serene space instead of a party spot
- Improve the landscaping and attractiveness of the site and do not restrict the viewshed of area residents

**- END OF SECTION -**



## Section 4 Master Plan Development

### Recreational Needs

The Town of Holden Beach provides both residents and visitors with valuable recreation opportunities. Sailfish Park, a mini park, provides natural open space and public water access to the ICW. Parks such as Sailfish provide critical places that promote health and wellness, protect the natural environment, and provide space for gathering, respite, and play.

Sailfish Park has been a fixture within the Town for years; however, the park has some critical areas that are informally developed. Residential dwellings predominantly surrounding the park are generally limited to streetside parking via access. Formalizing the services at Sailfish Park will provide a way to ensure that the park does not incur environmental degradation or promote overuse / misuse of a small but beloved park. These improvements are aimed at continuing the use level of the passive recreational needs of Holden Beach. While Holden Beach is an attractive beach destination, strong consideration was made in the park's planning effort to develop it in such a way that it does not attract more visitors than its capacity and thereby becomes detrimental to those who love Sailfish Park. The design balances an effort for the park to retain the site's attractiveness, improving the site's sustainability and improving the overall quality of life for those who live in Holden Beach.

### Physical Needs

According to the Town's 2020 Comprehensive Recreation Plan, many of the Town's recreation needs are for passive recreation and support facilities. Sailfish Park can assist in meeting several of these needs by offering supporting structures, such as restroom facilities, shade structure(s), and improving accessibility to picnic areas and the ICW. Other park elements, such as dedicated park hours of operations, security, and a restroom, would help ease area residents' concerns about the misuse of the park.

**Top 7 amenities for locals were:**

1. Canoe/kayak launch (35 votes)
2. Natural surface trails (34 votes)
3. Bike path (30 votes)
4. Fishing dock (25 votes)
5. Accessible play features (19 votes)
6. Dog park (18 votes)
7. Boardwalk (17 votes)

Finally, it's recommended that pedestrian connections are considered to meet the needs of the surrounding residential neighborhoods.





## Universal Design Principles

Universal design principles were developed in the late 1990s at North Carolina State University. These principles are meant to guide and evaluate the design and development of a site and the resulting amenities so that barriers to access are reduced or eliminated for site visitors. The seven principles of universal design are:

1. Equitable use
2. Flexibility in use
3. Simple and intuitive use
4. Perceptible information
5. Tolerance for error
6. Low physical effort
7. Size and space for the approach of use



The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a civil rights law that ensures individuals with disabilities have equal access to buildings and activities, including recreation programs. Although ADA compliance and universal design in parks are sometimes used interchangeably, they are not synonymous. ADA compliance is the minimum legal requirement that a park site must meet to ensure equal access for individuals with disabilities.

Universal design principles incorporate best practices that provide the design and site consideration efforts beyond the minimum compliance threshold that is outlined in the ADA. Universal design looks to utilize the seven design principles to make the site as open and user-friendly as reasonably possible.

The Sailfish Park Site-Specific Master Plan strives to utilize universal design principles whenever reasonably possible to enhance the user experience. Universal design does not remove all impediments of use, site considerations, financial limitations, and other factors that can play into the final design of a park.



## Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

For states to be eligible to receive federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) dollars, each state must maintain a Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). For local communities to have a project that is eligible for an LWCF project in their state, the project must focus on at least one of the goals outlined in the current SCORP that addresses the needs for outdoor recreation land and amenities on a statewide level. The plan then goes on to make recommendations about the big-picture needs across the state. The current 2020–2025 North Carolina SCORP has enumerated the following objectives:



1. Meet the needs of North Carolina’s rapidly growing population by providing more recreation opportunities in areas of the state where growth is taking place
2. Protect and conserve North Carolina’s high-quality natural resources and landscapes
3. Renovate, replace, and revitalize existing park amenities across the state
4. Promote the economic benefits of the state’s recreation opportunities for communities across North Carolina
5. Increase opportunities and public awareness of the state’s natural resources and recreation opportunities for underserved populations
6. Support improvements in public health and fitness by increasing opportunities for physical activity



**National Park**



**State Park**



**Local Park**

The SCORP goals that the Sailfish Park site-specific master plan addresses are:

Objective 3: Renovate, replace, and revitalize existing park amenities across the state

1. Target funding to renovate, replace, and revitalize existing recreation amenities for state and local agencies before facilities go into disrepair due to overwhelming demand
2. Ensure that all updates demonstrate best practices for accessibility



Objective 5: Increase opportunities and public awareness of the state's natural resources and recreation opportunities for underserved populations

1. Continue to design recreational facilities to ensure universal access with recognition of the needs of under-served and aging populations
2. Improve public information about outdoor recreation opportunities as well as the value of protecting natural resources in the state

Objective 6: Support improvements in public health and fitness by increasing opportunities for physical activity

1. Provide adequate park land and recreational facilities to encourage children and their families to be more physically active
2. Promote public and private partnerships — especially recreation providers, healthcare organizations, and insurance companies — to encourage physical activity through outdoor recreation
3. Continue to seek efficiencies in providing more opportunities for outdoor recreation by leveraging projects with PARTF and LWCF assistance when possible
4. Provide communities with up-to-date information about the role of accessible parks, open spaces, and non-motorized transportation routes in facilitating healthy residents
5. Encourage the development of community policies, recreational facilities, schools, trails, and bicycle-friendly routes to help people be more physically active

## Park Goals

Utilizing information from the site analysis, input from the community engagement process, and conversations with Town staff, McGill began developing alternate concept plans for park improvements. Based on this input, the design team was able to develop the purpose and programming for the development of Sailfish Park.

The goals and objectives of this park should be to serve the entire community of the Town of Holden Beach with accessible, site-appropriate, outdoor amenities. The strategic planning elements of the park should be to offer a variety of activities compatible with passive recreation, while also providing an aesthetically attractive feature to the Town.

## Conceptual Designs

Holden Beach staff was consulted on the site's conceptual designs. Their input led to the addition of small picnic shelters, connectivity between park amenities via walking paths, and consideration for rubberized playground surfacing if play areas were to be added. Two concept plans were developed that proposed several park



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improvement opportunities composed of providing refurbished and new recreation elements, open space for both non-programmed activities and small gatherings, spaces for multi-generational use, and improved aesthetics. Critical support facilities, such as protection from the sun and restrooms, were also included in the design. These amenities were derived from community involvement at the public meetings and Town staff input. Each of these elements will provide a space where residents and visitors can enjoy the park at any time.

Each of these concepts looks at various ways to incorporate the amenities that the community members were interested in adding to Sailfish Park. Through discussions with Town staff, McGill further developed the concept plans into a final Site Master Plan discussed in Section 5.



**Sailfish Park Master Plan - Concept A**  
Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina  
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**Alternate A: Walking loop with a long boardwalk**

This park concept, Alternative A, sees Sailfish Park improvements as an opportunity to provide enhanced access and updated amenities to the site. Two paved, accessible parking spaces have been added to the existing gravel parking area. A long boardwalk at the existing bulkhead, along with the pervious sidewalk, creates an accessible loop path with bench seats and bench swings to take in the views of the ICW. The addition of a new, stand-alone pair of shade sails creates a place of respite from the heat of the sun and a place for contemplation and appreciation for the maritime environment of Holden Beach. A small restroom





building and landscaping, including new native Cabbage Palms, respect the natural aesthetic of the property.



**Sailfish Park Master Plan - Concept B**

Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina  
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**Alternate B: Short walk to the bulkhead**

This park concept alternative is similar to Alternative A but takes a lighter approach to the walking path improvements. The area around the proposed shade sails remains a place to get out of the scorching sun. Furnishings, such as benches and bench swings — along with picnic tables, invite a lunchtime picnic with the family. The adjacent auditory play features provide relaxation and fun activities for all ages and abilities. It is a short walk along the pervious pavement sidewalk to a boardwalk and a small observation deck. Attractive native Cabbage Palms, restrooms, and parking provide a relaxing space to come appreciate Holden Beach's views of nature and the ICW. Like Alternative A, the site hosts a small canoe / kayak launch. Such an amenity will require more studies of the water depths to ensure the launch is useful during more than just high tide.

**- END OF SECTION -**



## Section 5 Final Park Concept Plan



### Final Site Design

Participants of the final drop-in community meeting indicated a preference for minimal improvements. Most participants supported accessibility improvements. The final design addresses the public's desire for updated existing amenities, such as paved handicapped parking spaces instead of the previously undefined gravel parking layout, and a paved path to the waterfront. Also, the canoe / kayak launch, furnishings, and landscaping improvements were noted as desirable updates to the park.

The process by which the proposed Sailfish Park's conceptual design was created was sound and included meaningful community input. Based on this input, amenities were included that were both desirable and appropriate for this property. These new park elements will both meet current and anticipated demand for recreation and enhance the quality of life in Holden Beach.



## Access and Circulation

The aforementioned permeable sidewalk will make accessing the waterfront easier for patrons of different abilities. The current space for parking has been improved via the addition of (2) paved accessible parking spaces. The remainder of the lot will be gravel.

The park as it is currently developed does not provide a paved walking path for its visitors. Walking and ADA-accessible routes between recreation elements and parking will be significantly improved with this plan.

## Built Elements

Built elements are an essential aspect of a park redesign, as they play a crucial role in enhancing a park's functionality and aesthetics. These elements may include features, such as play elements, furnishings, structures, and other physical components. This necessary infrastructure supports the positive engagement of patrons in various activities and healthy endeavors. A well-designed park with carefully considered built elements supports patrons' recreation endeavors, promotes social interaction and physical activity, and improves the overall quality of life in the surrounding community.

The proposed final concept plan for Sailfish Park recommends the inclusion of (2) two paved handicapped parking stalls with sidewalk access to an observation deck and canoe / kayak launch.

Other proposed improvements include benches, bench swings, and new landscaping. Recently, the town installed signage with park hours, and two trash receptacles.

The final Master Plan recognizes the importance that this natural, passive park plays in the community and builds upon this. Planned improvements are aimed at keeping this Town-owned, public park relevant and useable for patrons of all abilities.

## Programming

The park will see an improved ability to expand recreation programming with the addition of these new elements. The park will remain a mix of natural, open space and passive recreation amenities appropriate for the location and scale of this Town-owned recreation facility. Various activities, such as wildlife observation, fishing, boating, picnicking, and other leisure activities are planned for in the final conceptual layout.

**Open Space:** The park redesign allows for the park to begin to better serve patrons with accessible parking, beautiful views of the ICW, and access to the nature of

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Holden Beach. These activities will be attractive to both residents and regional visitors.

**Water Recreation / Access:** The expanded, canoe / kayak access should offer ADA-accessibility that is necessary to serve the entire population of the community and its many annual visitors.

## Implementation

### Opinion of Cost

A preliminary opinion of the probable cost was developed for the Master Plan. The anticipated cost (in today's dollars) for the proposed Sailfish Park is approximately \$435,527. It should be noted that this estimate is based on Master-Plan-level design; final construction documents will have to be completed to present a more accurate opinion of probable cost. The planning level costs include assumed general expenditures, such as site preparation, building structures, access, site utilities, parking, and specific facility development features.

PRELIMINARY OPINION OF PROBABLE COST					
SAILFISH PARK					
HOLDEN BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA					
JANUARY 2024					
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUAN.	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
1	Mobilization (3.0%)	1	LS	3%	\$ 8,800
2	Site Development	1	LS	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000
3	(2) Two Asphalt Parking Spaces	1	LS	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
4	Refurbished Gravel Parking Area	1	LS	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
5	6' Wide Permeable Paver Trail (150 LF)	100	SY	\$ 160	\$ 16,000
6	Boardwalk	35	LF	\$ 200	\$ 7,000
7	Canoe/Kayak Launch	1	LS	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000
8	Wildlife Observation Platform	1	EA	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
9	Site Furnishings (benches, bench swings, waste receptacles)	1	AL	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
10	Landscaping	1	AL	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
11	Stormwater and Erosion Control	1	LS	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
<b>CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL</b>					<b>\$ 292,300</b>
CONTINGENCY (20%)					\$ 58,460
SURVEY, DESIGN, PERMITTING					\$ 58,460
CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES					\$ 26,307
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b>					<b>\$ 435,527</b>
Notes:					
1. All costs shown are in current dollars.					
2. The Engineer maintains no control of labor costs, materials, equipment or services furnished by others, the Contractor(s) methods for determining prices, or competitive or market conditions. The opinions herein for project and construction costs represent the Engineer's best judgment, and are based on experience and qualifications as a Professional Engineer who possesses familiarity with the construction industry. The Engineer does not guarantee the accuracy of the cost opinions which may vary from bids or actual project and construction costs.					





Identification of sufficient funding is a crucial element that is required to implement this Master Plan. Holden Beach should evaluate the existing departmental budget and funding for capital improvements like the following:

- Property / Sales Tax Revenues
- General Obligation Bonds
- Grants
- Contributions
- Park Foundations
- Partnerships
- Local Gifts

While the total cost for all improvements can be daunting, this plan recommends that a phased approach be pursued following the incremental development of the Park Master Plan. By breaking the project into two phases, the costs can be better managed.

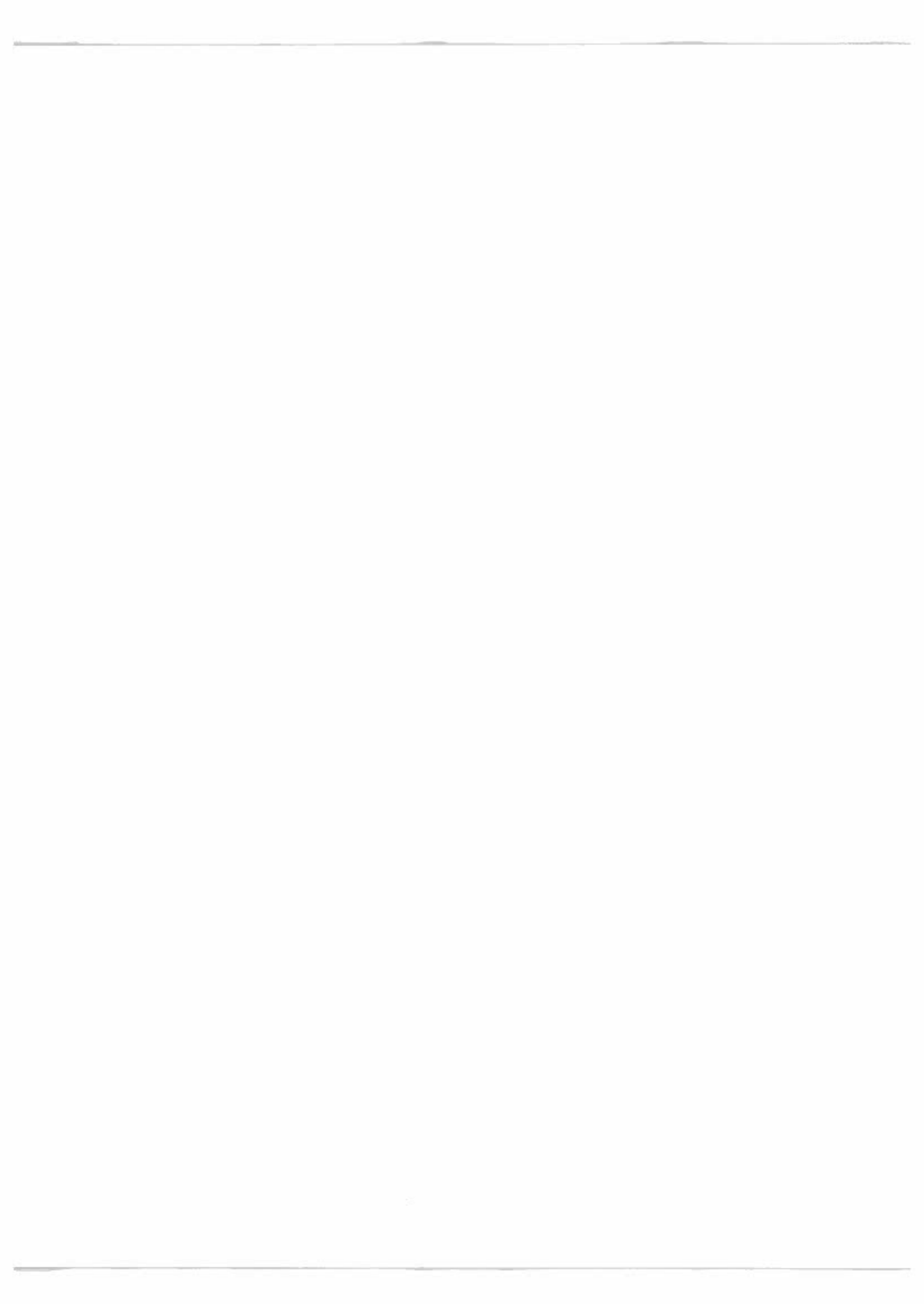
It is recommended that the Town should be proactive in applying for grants and other funding mechanisms to reduce Holden Beach's expenditure for capital improvements in approaching the development of the park.

### **Maintenance Considerations**

During the master planning phase, careful consideration was given to ongoing maintenance needs for the park. In addition to selecting materials that are resilient, durable, and long-lasting, the layout of the park also considered the surrounding neighbors and limited resources for park maintenance. Elements of the plan that exemplify this include:

- Most park program elements and structures, such as canoe / kayak access, play areas, restrooms, etc., are located near the entrance of the park, which helps maintenance access
- Walking paths and trails are recommended to be paved to reduce erosion into the ICW
- Paving the handicapped parking spaces may reduce their upkeep
- Ongoing maintenance tasks such as mowing, vector control, canal dredging, and maintenance of the bulkhead

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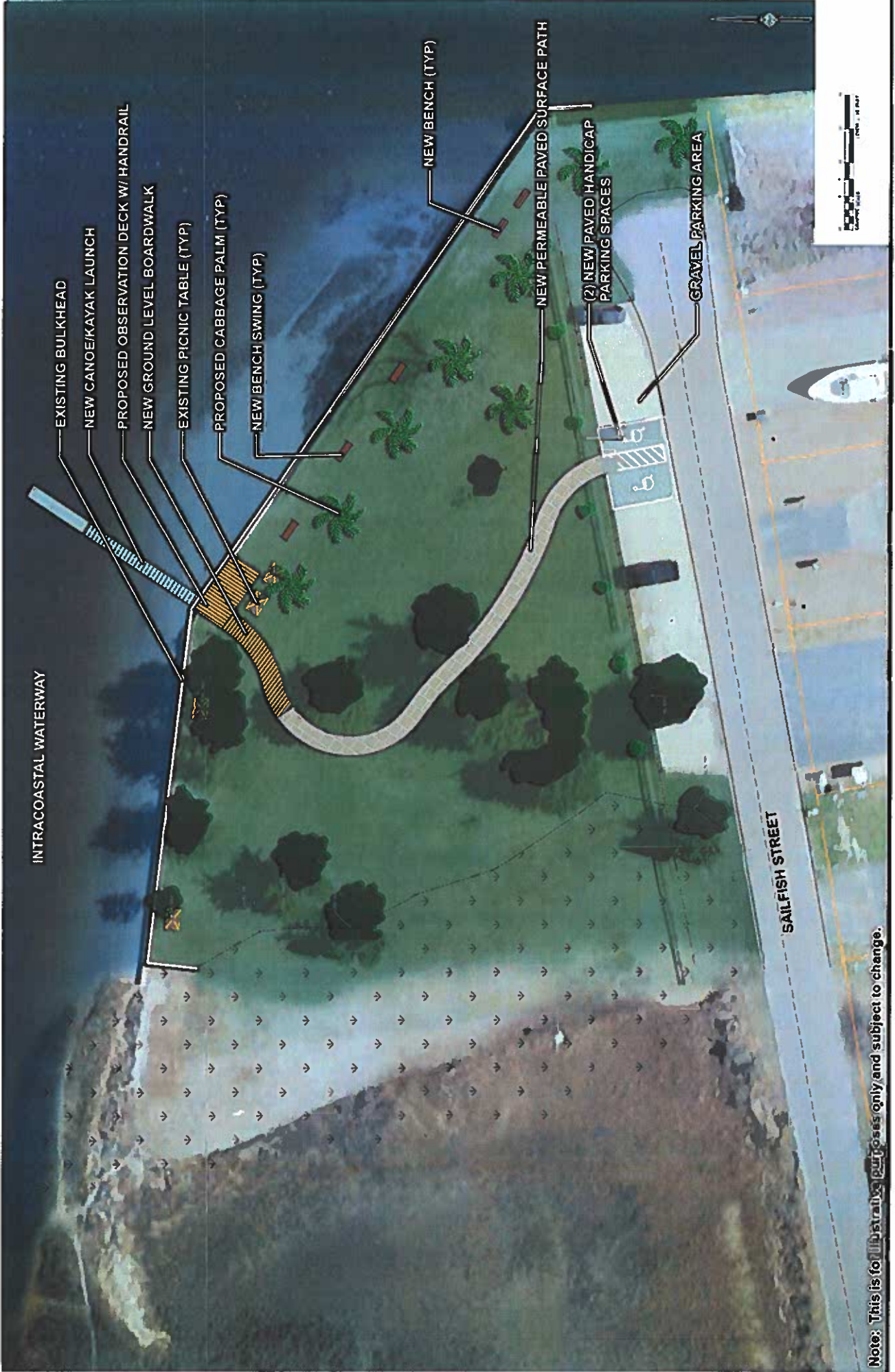


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# APPENDIX A







INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY

EXISTING BULKHEAD

NEW CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH

PROPOSED OBSERVATION DECK W/ HANDRAIL

NEW GROUND LEVEL BOARDWALK

EXISTING PICNIC TABLE (TYP)

PROPOSED CABBAGE PALM (TYP)

NEW BENCH SWING (TYP)

NEW BENCH (TYP)

NEW PERMEABLE PAVED SURFACE PATH

(2) NEW PAVED HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

GRAVEL PARKING AREA

SAILFISH STREET



Note: This is for illustrative purposes only and subject to change.



# SAILFISH PARK - Final Conceptual Layout

HOLDEN BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

2024





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# APPENDIX B

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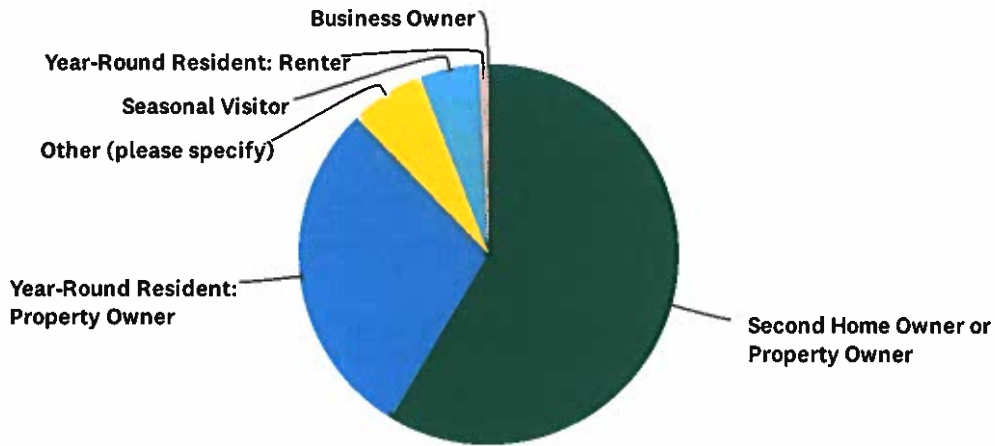




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# Q1 Which statements describes your relationship to the Town of Holden Beach?

Answered: 490 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Second Home Owner or Property Owner	58.57%	287
Year-Round Resident: Property Owner	29.18%	143
Other (please specify)	6.33%	31
Seasonal Visitor	5.10%	25
Year-Round Resident: Renter	0.61%	3
Business Owner	0.20%	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>490</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Live at family members home Year round	4/23/2023 9:36 PM
2	Resident of Supply. Use beach for walking and recreation.	4/19/2023 9:00 PM
3	Owner of home in supply on water way	4/19/2023 8:12 PM
4	Year round resident of Supply	4/19/2023 4:44 AM
5	Relative of property owner	4/18/2023 4:03 PM
6	We have owned our home in Holden Beach for 20 years	4/18/2023 3:01 PM
7	Previous HB Homeowner	4/18/2023 8:54 AM
8	Local resident	4/18/2023 8:34 AM
9	Brunswick County resident	4/17/2023 10:50 PM
10	Part time residents via campground facility	4/17/2023 10:47 PM
11	Used to own there. Now long term renter	4/17/2023 10:29 PM

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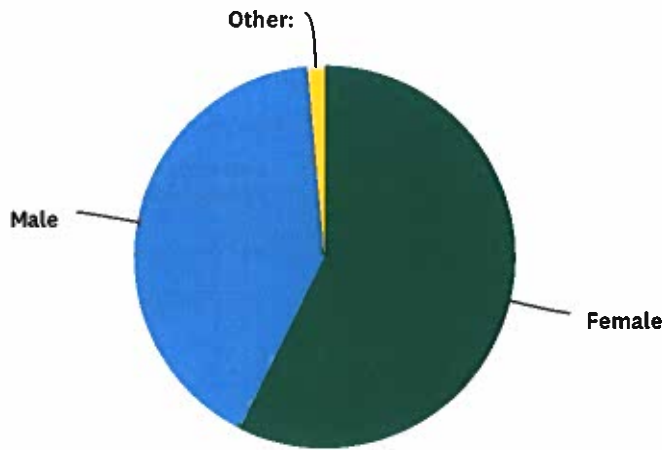
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12	Property owners live there 1/2 time	4/17/2023 9:50 PM
13	Live close by and do frequent the area to visit friends	4/17/2023 9:33 PM
14	Owner of home 5 miles inland	4/17/2023 8:20 PM
15	Current second home owner / Year Round owner at the end of July	4/17/2023 7:42 PM
16	Stay in the mainland	4/17/2023 7:03 PM
17	Previous owner and seasonal visitor	4/17/2023 7:02 PM
18	Mainland visitor since 1972	4/17/2023 6:55 PM
19	We live in Oyster Harbour on the ICE across from Holden Beach	4/17/2023 6:52 PM
20	Stay all summer each year and weeks throughout year	4/17/2023 5:50 PM
21	Home owner, resident 8 months of the year	4/17/2023 5:27 PM
22	Homeowner on Stone Chimney Rd.	4/17/2023 5:17 PM
23	Year round mainland resident	4/17/2023 4:07 PM
24	Live off island but walk the beach & sidewalks daily.	4/17/2023 4:04 PM
25	Seasonal resident	4/17/2023 3:42 PM
26	Life off island	4/17/2023 2:43 PM
27	Local, live off island.	4/17/2023 2:40 PM
28	Year-Round Mainland Resident - about a mile from the beach	4/17/2023 2:39 PM
29	real estate broker on the island	4/17/2023 2:38 PM
30	Daughter owns a house there so we visit every 4 - 6 weeks	4/17/2023 2:36 PM
31	Shallotte Resident that visits Holden Beach often	4/17/2023 2:30 PM

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Q2 Please provide your gender:

Answered: 487 Skipped: 3

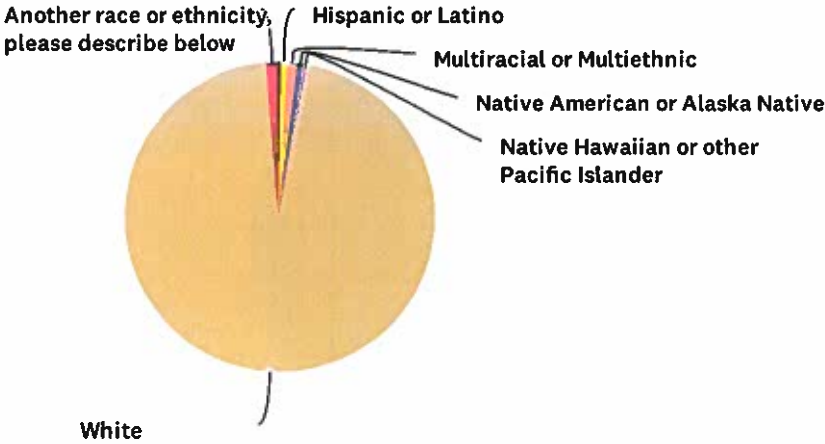


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	57.29%	279
Male	41.27%	201
Other:	1.44%	7
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>487</b>

#	OTHER:	DATE
1	local	10/23/2023 2:08 PM
2	n/a	4/22/2023 6:43 PM
3	No	4/18/2023 6:38 PM
4	Why does gender matter?	4/18/2023 5:30 PM
5	N/A	4/18/2023 9:18 AM
6	N/A	4/18/2023 8:03 AM
7	Married couple	4/17/2023 9:48 PM

### Q3 What is your race or ethnicity?

Answered: 467 Skipped: 23



**ANSWER CHOICES**

**RESPONSES**

Asian	0.21%	1
Black or African American	0.00%	0
Hispanic or Latino	0.64%	3
Middle Eastern or North African	0.00%	0
Multiracial or Multiethnic	1.07%	5
Native American or Alaska Native	0.64%	3
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.43%	2
White	95.72%	447
Another race or ethnicity, please describe below	1.28%	6
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>467</b>

#	SELF-DESCRIBE BELOW:	DATE
1	Hispanic white blend	4/25/2023 9:29 PM
2	human race	4/20/2023 8:15 AM
3	prefer not to answer	4/19/2023 2:31 PM
4	Why does race matter?	4/18/2023 5:30 PM
5	N/A	4/18/2023 9:18 AM
6	N/A	4/18/2023 8:03 AM
7	Human	4/18/2023 7:03 AM
8	American	4/17/2023 10:03 PM

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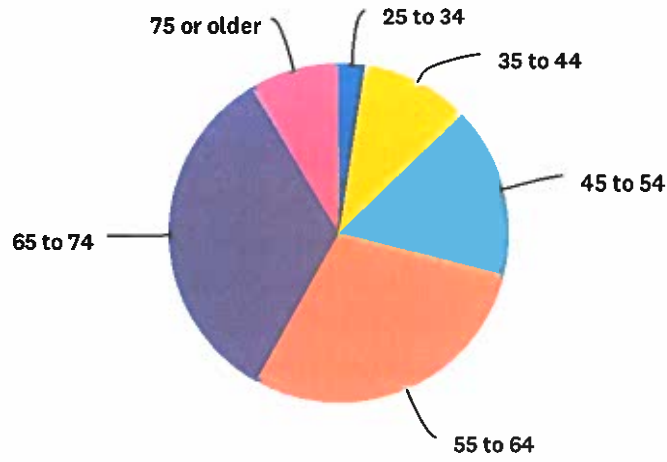
9	N/A	4/17/2023 5:58 PM
10	Why are you asking?	4/17/2023 5:56 PM
11	What difference does it make	4/17/2023 4:37 PM
12	Mixed	4/17/2023 3:06 PM
13	Who gives a shit	4/17/2023 2:41 PM



Holden Beach Sailfish Park Master Plan Survey

### Q4 What is your age?

Answered: 480 Skipped: 10



**ANSWER CHOICES**

- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or older
- TOTAL

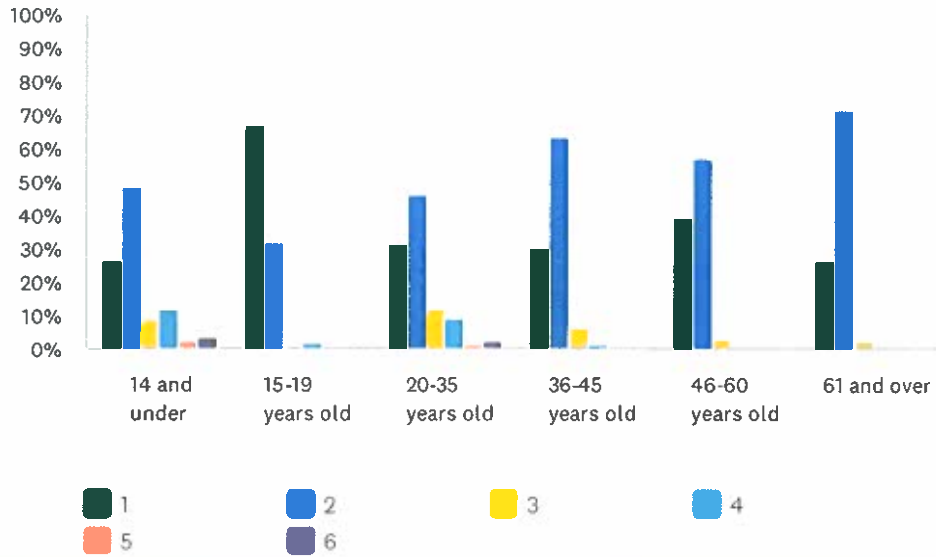
**RESPONSES**

Percentage	Count
0.00%	0
2.50%	12
10.21%	49
16.25%	78
29.17%	140
33.33%	160
8.54%	41
	480

Holden Beach Sailfish Park Master Plan Survey

Q5 Select the number of persons in your household including yourself who are in the age brackets below:

Answered: 481 Skipped: 9

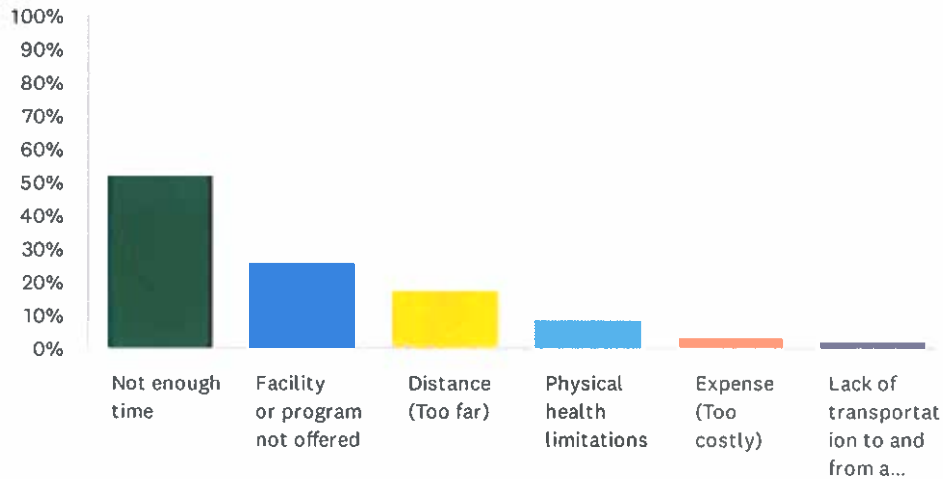


	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
14 and under	26.56% 34	48.44% 62	8.59% 11	11.72% 15	2.34% 3	3.13% 4	128
15-19 years old	66.67% 44	31.82% 21	0.00% 0	1.52% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	66
20-35 years old	31.07% 32	45.63% 47	11.65% 12	8.74% 9	0.97% 1	1.94% 2	103
36-45 years old	30.00% 27	63.33% 57	5.56% 5	1.11% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	90
46-60 years old	39.08% 68	56.90% 99	2.87% 5	0.57% 1	0.57% 1	0.57% 1	174
61 and over	26.13% 75	71.43% 205	2.09% 6	0.35% 1	0.00% 0	0.70% 2	287

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Q6 What is the greatest barrier to your household's regular use of public parks or recreational facilities?

Answered: 313 Skipped: 177



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Not enough time	52.08%	163
Facility or program not offered	25.56%	80
Distance (Too far)	17.57%	55
Physical health limitations	8.63%	27
Expense (Too costly)	3.19%	10
Lack of transportation to and from a facility	1.92%	6

Total Respondents: 313

#	OTHER, PLEASE DESCRIBE	DATE
1	We use them alot	10/23/2023 2:31 PM
2	I use the park as I wish.	10/23/2023 2:30 PM
3	none	10/23/2023 2:28 PM
4	none	10/23/2023 2:24 PM
5	none	10/23/2023 2:23 PM
6	none	10/23/2023 2:14 PM
7	No limits.	10/23/2023 2:00 PM
8	No Barriers	10/23/2023 1:58 PM
9	No Barriers	10/23/2023 1:56 PM
10	None. As a resident I walk or bike to a park. I don't have a barrier. Stop trying to make a problem where NONE EXISTS!!!	7/26/2023 10:24 PM

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11	None	7/26/2023 10:04 PM
12	No Barriers. Use parks when I desire.	6/19/2023 11:07 AM
13	No barriers	5/4/2023 8:14 AM
14	No barriers really	4/30/2023 5:46 PM
15	None	4/27/2023 7:57 AM
16	No barrier	4/25/2023 9:29 PM
17	No barriers	4/24/2023 11:17 PM
18	No close dog park	4/24/2023 4:38 PM
19	No perceived barrier	4/22/2023 11:24 AM
20	None	4/20/2023 3:07 PM
21	No barriers.	4/20/2023 8:15 AM
22	None	4/19/2023 4:41 PM
23	lack of free parking for disabled persons living here year-round	4/19/2023 2:31 PM
24	generally overcrowded with vacationers and local day visitors	4/19/2023 1:51 PM
25	No barriers	4/19/2023 11:05 AM
26	None	4/19/2023 10:55 AM
27	Parking	4/19/2023 8:34 AM
28	Too crowded	4/18/2023 11:23 PM
29	Insufficient parking	4/18/2023 8:28 PM
30	None	4/18/2023 5:30 PM
31	There are no barriers	4/18/2023 5:02 PM
32	No barriers	4/18/2023 4:07 PM
33	No barriers	4/18/2023 3:01 PM
34	None	4/18/2023 2:00 PM
35	Want natural areas.	4/18/2023 1:52 PM
36	None	4/18/2023 1:17 PM
37	None of the above	4/18/2023 11:23 AM
38	none	4/18/2023 10:39 AM
39	The island doesn't need a bigger park.	4/18/2023 10:39 AM
40	There is no Barrier to me or anyone	4/18/2023 9:15 AM
41	no barrier at all. easy walk	4/18/2023 8:35 AM
42	Lack of parking spaces throughout the island	4/18/2023 8:34 AM
43	No barrier.	4/18/2023 8:30 AM
44	None. We use the beach. That's what 99% of the people who live here (or come for day trips) are here for. Additionally we use the pickle ball courts.	4/18/2023 8:01 AM
45	None	4/18/2023 7:52 AM
46	do not use	4/18/2023 7:48 AM
47	Beach access	4/18/2023 7:06 AM
48	No barrier to our use	4/18/2023 6:51 AM



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49	Parking	4/18/2023 6:36 AM
50	Need more pickleball courts	4/18/2023 4:21 AM
51	to increase the attendance at this park would be a huge mistake. Leave well enough alone	4/18/2023 1:59 AM
52	How nice it is. Less crowded	4/18/2023 12:21 AM
53	We like to walk to Sailfish Park daily when at Holden Beach. It is a nice destination and about a 20 min. walk away.	4/17/2023 11:54 PM
54	Not interested in the splash pad or children play time	4/17/2023 11:39 PM
55	Limited facilities	4/17/2023 10:50 PM
56	No restrooms or not enough parking	4/17/2023 10:36 PM
57	Unnecessary on a barrier island...the water and beach are our park	4/17/2023 10:33 PM
58	Parks are too busy with too many people	4/17/2023 10:23 PM
59	No barriers	4/17/2023 10:12 PM
60	None	4/17/2023 10:03 PM
61	none	4/17/2023 10:01 PM
62	They are trashy and attract drug Addicts and homeless donate to state for public boat ramp	4/17/2023 10:00 PM
63	They attract homeless people and free loaders	4/17/2023 9:52 PM
64	No parking there too far to just walk	4/17/2023 9:50 PM
65	Public parking	4/17/2023 9:47 PM
66	Too hot in summer	4/17/2023 9:43 PM
67	Want a dog park replaced! That was promised years ago! Not just a dog walk for boaters for block Q	4/17/2023 9:36 PM
68	Charging double for vehicle and boat trailer	4/17/2023 9:33 PM
69	I can walk to a really, really big 'pond!'	4/17/2023 9:30 PM
70	rest room facilities	4/17/2023 9:21 PM
71	No barrier	4/17/2023 9:11 PM
72	none--visit regularly!	4/17/2023 9:08 PM
73	None	4/17/2023 8:49 PM
74	No barrier	4/17/2023 8:46 PM
75	No barriers. Easily accessible to property owners.	4/17/2023 8:46 PM
76	No barrier	4/17/2023 8:27 PM
77	Too busy fishing	4/17/2023 8:26 PM
78	No barriers	4/17/2023 8:08 PM
79	None	4/17/2023 8:02 PM
80	no need or desire to use them --- I live here	4/17/2023 7:51 PM
81	None	4/17/2023 7:50 PM
82	Not a top priority	4/17/2023 7:40 PM
83	Not interested in what they offer.	4/17/2023 7:15 PM
84	None	4/17/2023 7:02 PM
85	Paid parking on the island	4/17/2023 6:55 PM

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86	We have no barriers to using them	4/17/2023 6:53 PM
87	None	4/17/2023 6:52 PM
88	We use it often	4/17/2023 6:36 PM
89	We do use public parks	4/17/2023 6:31 PM
90	We just use our property	4/17/2023 6:16 PM
91	Parking fees	4/17/2023 6:14 PM
92	Too many users that live off the island	4/17/2023 5:58 PM
93	We regularly use the parks and rec opportunities at HB	4/17/2023 5:45 PM
94	I do not use the parks as my focus is more on fishing and being on the water, but there is nothing offered at any of the parks I am interested in doing, at least nmot very often.	4/17/2023 5:45 PM
95	none	4/17/2023 5:24 PM
96	Lack of restroom facilities	4/17/2023 5:17 PM
97	Also, if have to pay to park, probably will mot use.	4/17/2023 5:14 PM
98	no barrier	4/17/2023 4:48 PM
99	We don't have any barriers.	4/17/2023 4:42 PM
100	If no bathrooms (or totally gross b-rooms) tough to go spend time there!	4/17/2023 4:39 PM
101	No barrier	4/17/2023 4:37 PM
102	none	4/17/2023 4:28 PM
103	No barrier	4/17/2023 4:16 PM
104	Lack of desire	4/17/2023 4:16 PM
105	We use them! Don't want the park to change from quiet fun safe park.	4/17/2023 4:13 PM
106	None	4/17/2023 3:59 PM
107	Do not meet my needs	4/17/2023 3:52 PM
108	We love to use the parks.	4/17/2023 3:47 PM
109	Nothing I go when I want to	4/17/2023 3:44 PM
110	None	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
111	None of the above	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
112	No barrier	4/17/2023 3:42 PM
113	No bathrooms	4/17/2023 3:25 PM
114	No dedicated pickleball courts, always full of basketballers	4/17/2023 3:21 PM
115	Parking nearby	4/17/2023 3:20 PM
116	Public Parking	4/17/2023 3:15 PM
117	Parking	4/17/2023 3:12 PM
118	None	4/17/2023 3:10 PM
119	Little interest in the town park offerings.	4/17/2023 3:07 PM
120	As FT residents, we won't pay for parking, therefore, we don't enjoy the oarka	4/17/2023 3:04 PM
121	No barriers	4/17/2023 3:03 PM
122	there is no barrier	4/17/2023 2:49 PM
123	None	4/17/2023 2:48 PM

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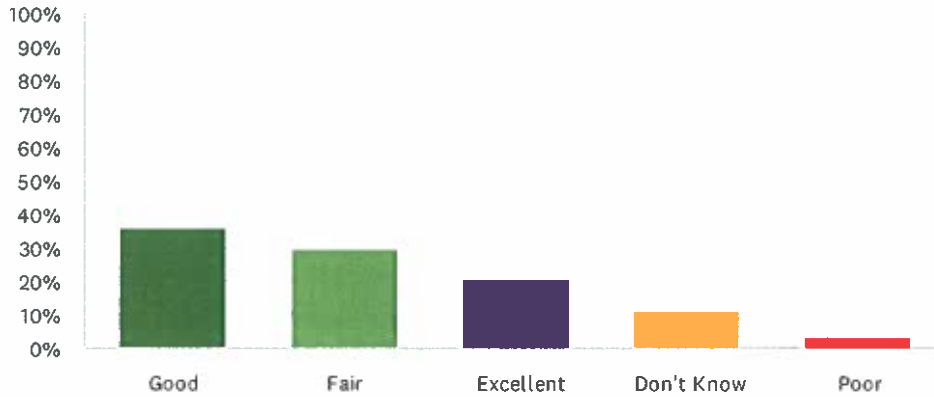
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124	N/a	4/17/2023 2:43 PM
125	None	4/17/2023 2:42 PM
126	Not aware of options.	4/17/2023 2:40 PM
127	lack of parking and seating areas	4/17/2023 2:39 PM
128	would love a kayak launch	4/17/2023 2:36 PM
129	Lack of restroom facility	4/17/2023 2:34 PM
130	Parking unavailable	4/17/2023 2:28 PM
131	None	4/17/2023 2:27 PM
132	No Barrier	4/17/2023 2:25 PM
133	No barrier	4/17/2023 2:24 PM

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Q7 Overall, how would you rate the existing Sailfish Park (188 Sailfish Dr)?

Answered: 484 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Good	35.54%	172
Fair	29.55%	143
Excellent	20.45%	99
Don't Know	11.16%	54
Poor	3.31%	16
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>484</b>

#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE SPACE BELOW.	DATE
1	As is, please do not develop this area any more.	10/23/2023 2:08 PM
2	As is.	10/23/2023 2:00 PM
3	Keep things the way they are.	10/23/2023 1:58 PM
4	We bike and run/walk there. It's peaceful and quiet place to exercise. PLEASE DONT CHANGE IT	7/26/2023 10:24 PM
5	Avoid too much development	5/4/2023 8:14 AM
6	There's really only picnic tables there - not much else. The small shoreline is nice though.	4/30/2023 5:46 PM
7	Perfect just as it is!	4/23/2023 1:53 PM
8	Quaint, accessible, not overly advertised, not an attention drawer	4/22/2023 11:24 AM
9	No changes should be made, it will only increase traffic and I am fearful that it will become a party hangout.	4/20/2023 3:07 PM
10	has a great view and picnic tables and there is no signage directing people to the park	4/20/2023 1:14 PM
11	Leave it alone...	4/20/2023 8:35 AM
12	No improvement necessary.	4/20/2023 8:15 AM
13	Need tennis court	4/19/2023 11:06 PM
14	Not really a park. Good place to fish.	4/19/2023 6:20 PM



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15	Its a beautiful spot as it is. Who is complaining?	4/19/2023 11:05 AM
16	Parking issues	4/19/2023 8:34 AM
17	Needs nothing	4/19/2023 8:08 AM
18	No further development necessary.	4/18/2023 8:27 PM
19	Needs a pier more handicap access	4/18/2023 7:53 PM
20	Its great the way it is. Quaint, enjoyed by many and good the way it is!!!	4/18/2023 6:03 PM
21	Needs more attention to trash pickup, mowing, and needs times posted for use.	4/18/2023 5:30 PM
22	Perfect the way it was	4/18/2023 5:02 PM
23	Quiet, serene	4/18/2023 4:21 PM
24	We enjoy walking to the park and taking our grandchildren there when they are visiting.	4/18/2023 3:01 PM
25	Needs updating	4/18/2023 10:49 AM
26	Nice small place to fish and spend time.	4/18/2023 10:31 AM
27	There is a lot of ants all the time	4/18/2023 10:07 AM
28	The ant hills are always an issue	4/18/2023 9:27 AM
29	Sailfish has always been used by locals and people on the beach. It has always been loved by all due to its shade trees waterway views marsh views and wildlife habitat. It should be kept in Conservation with no further development for future generations. It is the most visited site by walkers and bicyclists on the West end of the island. It is a Passive are enjoyed for its open space and views of the natural coastal maritime green space. It has unique beauty due to the wildlife and waterviews of the Intercoastal waterway. Future generations should also be able to enjoy this quiet natural space for fishing birdwatching and simply enjoying the shade trees breeze and the view. It is primarily used by walkers, children, bicyclist and is the most pedestrian friendly area adjacent to our wetlands.	4/18/2023 9:18 AM
30	Nothing there but picnic tables and sand spurs in the grass.	4/18/2023 8:30 AM
31	We do not want Anything More and would like to see the area preserved and conserved as a Natural Protected Greenspace for future generations to enjoy!	4/18/2023 8:03 AM
32	Most of the people who use the park are there for fishing. It doesn't need any significant improvements. A port-a-john would be good, but a permanent bathroom structure is unnecessary.	4/18/2023 8:01 AM
33	Haven't felt compelled to check it out. Parking issues block people from using	4/18/2023 6:36 AM
34	If you are truly going to add the bathrooms and kayak launch, better make sure to add a parking garage for parking. Otherwise, the local homeowners will suffer with the parking situation that is currently at hand.	4/18/2023 1:59 AM
35	I like the trees and the bulkheads by the intercoastal waterway. We like to observe the water birds there on occasion as well as the fishermen.	4/17/2023 11:54 PM
36	It is fine as it is. Never been there	4/17/2023 11:39 PM
37	Could use kayak launch.	4/17/2023 11:13 PM
38	Love the quiet. Wish it had a covered picnic table. A bathroom would be nice. But it works	4/17/2023 11:13 PM
39	Picnic tables are in poor condition	4/17/2023 10:50 PM
40	Pretty much just a grassy lot with a few picnic tables.	4/17/2023 10:47 PM
41	No restrooms	4/17/2023 10:36 PM
42	Do not wish any addtl parks on such a small residential island	4/17/2023 10:33 PM
43	Well kept, but very little to do but watch the boats go by	4/17/2023 10:29 PM
44	We like it just the way it is	4/17/2023 10:12 PM

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45	Plenty of parking, uncrowded, well kept, regular trash pick up, accessible	4/17/2023 10:03 PM
46	Most everything is devoted to kids but the average age is over 60. Cater to residents & a community center for retirees to use as well as tourist. Terrible here in winter. No meeting place	4/17/2023 9:50 PM
47	Quiet, nice view of water, access to water for kayaks or paddleboarding. Safe.	4/17/2023 9:46 PM
48	It is fine the way it is. It does not need to attract more people.	4/17/2023 9:41 PM
49	We miss the hang over area for fishing. A kayak launch would be great. A dog park would be even better!	4/17/2023 9:36 PM
50	Never visited	4/17/2023 9:32 PM
51	The park is fine as it is now - very peaceful and relaxing.	4/17/2023 9:22 PM
52	Preserve it natural look	4/17/2023 9:20 PM
53	Traffic is a huge problem. It's unsafe for children to play near the road or ride bikes on what should be a quiet neighborhood street	4/17/2023 9:11 PM
54	low traffic, passive activities	4/17/2023 9:10 PM
55	No seating	4/17/2023 9:08 PM
56	Not familiar with this park	4/17/2023 9:07 PM
57	Serves its purpose fine for residents.	4/17/2023 8:46 PM
58	The park as it exist is fine. The traffic for part now is excessive in the summer	4/17/2023 8:27 PM
59	Leave it alone	4/17/2023 8:16 PM
60	It's a residential street with preservation marsh land and natural habitat. If you can bike to it or walk to it, you can enjoy it. Creating something requiring vehicle traffic is a mistake. It's a culdesac with just enough room to fish and clam. Leave it alone	4/17/2023 8:08 PM
61	Why ?	4/17/2023 7:51 PM
62	Need bike lanes to bike to island parks safely	4/17/2023 7:33 PM
63	Appears to be a place for drug exchange	4/17/2023 6:19 PM
64	No further development is needed. Doing so will negatively impact this RESIDENTIAL community	4/17/2023 6:08 PM
65	Leave it alone	4/17/2023 6:07 PM
66	Good enough for RESIDENTS to occasionally enjoy	4/17/2023 5:58 PM
67	I think the town has done a good job with that small bit of land	4/17/2023 5:56 PM
68	There should not be any other money spent on development of town parks until ALL other higher town priorities are fully funded and completed. We need a 2nd water tower. We need to address the next sewer lift station. We need to address storm water runoff. These are ALL much more important than Sailfish Park.	4/17/2023 5:45 PM
69	We need a dog park there.	4/17/2023 5:31 PM
70	It is a beautiful natural area, and should remain so, maybe a dock.	4/17/2023 5:27 PM
71	Needs a porta-pot	4/17/2023 5:17 PM
72	We visit Sailfish regularly but have small children. Some swings or a jungle gym would better accommodate our family.	4/17/2023 5:00 PM
73	GREAT location but no faciities	4/17/2023 4:39 PM
74	I don't think you need to do anything. The people who live on the street complain about the noise, now.	4/17/2023 4:16 PM
75	Enjoy sitting and just watching.	4/17/2023 4:07 PM

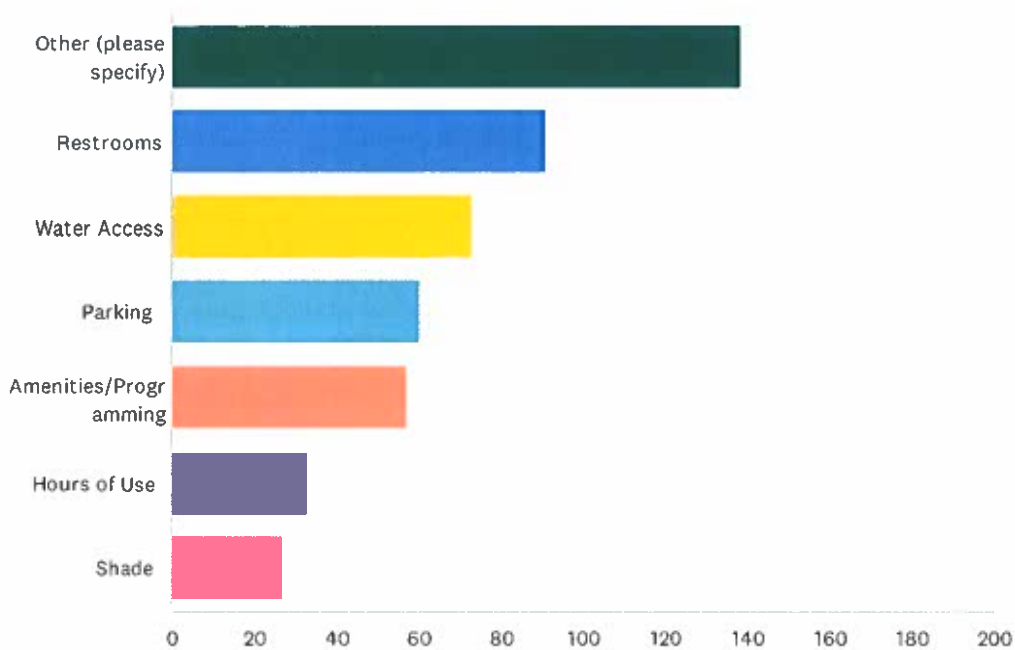
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76	The park is a beautiful natural undisturbed area that should be left exactly as it is.	4/17/2023 3:59 PM
77	Used by off islanders the most	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
78	Bathroom and covered picnic area , along with a small playground d for kids, Kayak launch would be great... That.	4/17/2023 3:40 PM
79	The sandbar at the canal inlet needs to be removed.	4/17/2023 3:36 PM
80	I didn't realize it existed. I have never visited.	4/17/2023 3:35 PM
81	The park is excellent as is. Adding picnic shelters and restrooms will only bring more unwanted traffic down this road that is already busy with people just driving by and then turning around, rarely going the speed limit. Why are we putting restrooms here when the beach accesses need restrooms much more?	4/17/2023 3:31 PM
82	I bike down there but need playground or something to keep you there.	4/17/2023 3:23 PM
83	Have never used	4/17/2023 3:20 PM
84	It is a well used, beautiful, naturall, shaded, ICW area. Sailfish Park provides enjoyment to young and old. Water access, sandy area, fishing, picnic tables. It provides a wonderful recreational opportunity to the public just like it is.	4/17/2023 3:15 PM
85	I haven't had the opportunity to use it, but would if I kayaked.	4/17/2023 3:10 PM
86	There should be ZERO further development of Sailfish park.	4/17/2023 3:07 PM
87	Couldn't park, so no idea.	4/17/2023 3:04 PM
88	Never heard of it and have never been	4/17/2023 2:41 PM
89	I like the naturalness of this park. It is it developed so that just certain people or families will use it. People have the opportunity to picnic or fish or just sit and enjoy the view.	4/17/2023 2:41 PM
90	Needs more seating (benches, picnic tables, etc) and closer bathrooms	4/17/2023 2:39 PM
91	Basketball courts are always taken by non residents...	4/17/2023 2:34 PM
92	No amenities; just a place to stand and fish; sea wall too high at low tide to launch	4/17/2023 2:28 PM
93	Pleasant place	4/17/2023 2:27 PM
94	Natural beauty, quite, tranquil, family friendly	4/17/2023 2:24 PM

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Q8 What is the most important consideration to consider when developing improvements for Sailfish Park?

Answered: 479 Skipped: 11



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Other (please specify)	28.81%	138
Restrooms	19.00%	91
Water Access	15.24%	73
Parking	12.53%	60
Amenities/Programming	11.90%	57
Hours of Use	6.89%	33
Shade	5.64%	27
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>479</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	The natural beauty of the park, the residents.	10/23/2023 2:30 PM
2	Sailfish is great just as it is-nothing is needed.	10/23/2023 2:28 PM
3	leave natural	10/23/2023 2:23 PM
4	None, keep it like it is.	10/23/2023 2:14 PM
5	No sidewalks,traffic,trash,drugs,noise.	10/23/2023 2:08 PM
6	Do not destroy or alter natural lot.	10/23/2023 1:58 PM



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7	Number of people, traffic, trash.	10/23/2023 1:56 PM
8	Develop the park near town hall first. Why are you developing something residents and TAXPAYERS DONT WANT	7/26/2023 10:24 PM
9	No improvements are necessary!!!	7/26/2023 10:04 PM
10	No Improvements needed	6/19/2023 11:07 AM
11	No need to spend money on improving this area for public use.	6/16/2023 3:26 PM
12	The damage it will do to neighbors. Increased drug use.	6/16/2023 7:53 AM
13	None	5/26/2023 7:25 AM
14	Road traffic, too narrow for emergency vehicles if too much traffic	5/4/2023 10:09 PM
15	Preserving natural habitat	5/4/2023 8:14 AM
16	Too much traffic!!!	5/3/2023 5:49 PM
17	Traffic on Sailfish Dr is my main concern. The park at Sailfish is already crowded on weekends and the cars going down to the park use the straightaway almost like a drag strip. People walking, riding bikes and older people walking pets are all along the roadway.	4/27/2023 7:57 AM
18	Impact on residents and surrounding natural areas	4/25/2023 9:29 PM
19	Minimal impact to residents	4/23/2023 9:36 PM
20	Leave it alone.	4/23/2023 1:53 PM
21	It is fine the way it is!	4/23/2023 1:04 PM
22	Increased activity and traffic that would negatively impact properties on Sailfish / in Harbor Acres	4/22/2023 11:24 AM
23	Traffic and infringement on homeowners.	4/20/2023 3:07 PM
24	Leave it the way it is... soon you'll want to turn it into a public marina!	4/20/2023 8:35 AM
25	How development will affect property owners/residents living on Sailfish Dr.	4/20/2023 8:15 AM
26	Improvements should not be made	4/19/2023 8:46 PM
27	Area for children under 3-4 years old	4/19/2023 8:12 PM
28	Take precautions fir the VERY NEAR RESIDENTS !!!!!	4/19/2023 6:20 PM
29	Need fishing pier	4/19/2023 5:53 PM
30	Cost, we do not want any more tax increases	4/19/2023 11:05 AM
31	No improvement needed	4/19/2023 8:08 AM
32	Value to the residents of Holden Beach	4/19/2023 7:08 AM
33	Nothing- it's a nice quiet park	4/19/2023 6:21 AM
34	Kayak launch that can accommodate fishing kayaks which are wider than recreational kayaks.	4/19/2023 5:48 AM
35	Residential neighborhood	4/18/2023 11:23 PM
36	There is no room for any more cars down there. They block our driveway as it is. We can't even ride bikes on Sailfish for fear of being run over by drivers speeding. Hours of use. Lights shine in my house. It needs to close at dark. People camp over there. When we bought our house in 1997 there was a sign that didn't allow people after dark.	4/18/2023 6:03 PM
37	Needs to remain as a passive park with more attention to upkeep.	4/18/2023 5:30 PM
38	Nothing. It will increase traffic on Sailfish Dr.	4/18/2023 5:06 PM
39	Leave it the way it is	4/18/2023 4:21 PM
40	The park is fine as it is. There is no room for developing it further as it will become too	4/18/2023 3:01 PM

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	crowded for the small park to handle	
41	No more development	4/18/2023 2:00 PM
42	Desires of local property owners who would be impacted by these "improvements".	4/18/2023 1:52 PM
43	Cleanliness not being maintained	4/18/2023 12:15 PM
44	No desire to increase activity at this location	4/18/2023 11:47 AM
45	I consider parking and shade	4/18/2023 11:23 AM
46	Both improved water access and restrooms are important	4/18/2023 10:36 AM
47	Daily maintenance	4/18/2023 10:04 AM
48	Traffic	4/18/2023 9:26 AM
49	We do not want any more improvement or changes to this area. It should be recognized for Preservation and Conservation green space for passive use only.	4/18/2023 9:18 AM
50	Needs no improvements	4/18/2023 9:15 AM
51	Does not need "improvements". Too many drunks now	4/18/2023 8:35 AM
52	Free parking for residents	4/18/2023 8:30 AM
53	Conservation of Open Space for bike and walking access NOT encouraging more street traffic.	4/18/2023 8:03 AM
54	The park needs no improvement. This is a beach community and the focus should be on the beach, not Sailfish park. No improvements should be made.	4/18/2023 8:01 AM
55	Cost. Y'all are spending money we don't have. STOP!	4/18/2023 8:00 AM
56	Drinking Water fountain	4/18/2023 7:59 AM
57	additional traffic,cars driving too fast	4/18/2023 7:48 AM
58	Security & consideration for residents adjacent to the park	4/18/2023 7:21 AM
59	Congestion in front of people's home.	4/18/2023 6:57 AM
60	People already speed down the road. The new updates will increase traffic on the road and more noise	4/18/2023 6:56 AM
61	Maybe improve landscaping but that is it. It is a neighborhood park. Not meant for amenities.	4/18/2023 6:51 AM
62	I don't think it needs improvements. It is a nice place to relax his the way it is.	4/18/2023 6:10 AM
63	Dog friendly	4/17/2023 11:39 PM
64	It being hangout spot for trouble and traffic	4/17/2023 11:32 PM
65	Impact on residents who live nearby	4/17/2023 11:15 PM
66	None	4/17/2023 10:33 PM
67	There is limited space on the dead end street. The park is busy as it is currently configured. Additional traffic would burden the residents on the street and in the set of canals. It is hard to go in and out of the canals boating when there are so many people fishing.	4/17/2023 10:23 PM
68	Leave it just the way it is or add a dog park	4/17/2023 10:12 PM
69	I see people fishing and families picnicking so my guess would be restroom facilities. Just ask the property owners across from Sailfish Park to get a real perspective.	4/17/2023 10:03 PM
70	it is fine now	4/17/2023 10:01 PM
71	Full time resident tax payer approval	4/17/2023 9:57 PM
72	Keep it simple	4/17/2023 9:52 PM
73	Nothing. It's great the way it is.	4/17/2023 9:48 PM
74	Currently a good experience for young and old. Leave it alone. No changes please.	4/17/2023 9:47 PM

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75	Traffic and crowds. It is a residential area that doesn't need more traffic and crowds.	4/17/2023 9:41 PM
76	Dog park	4/17/2023 9:36 PM
77	Possible Danger. Too close to boats entering and leaving the Harbor Acres canals. Large boats send heave waves to shore.	4/17/2023 9:30 PM
78	Impact on properties and residents/guests along Sailfish Dr and at the end of Swordfish Dr. Any improvements could block waterway and sunset views for those homes and create undesirable traffic and parking issues as well as noise and crowd behavior challenges.	4/17/2023 9:22 PM
79	Having problem with noise at all hours of night	4/17/2023 9:20 PM
80	Traffic!!!!!! There is no safe way to handle the people constantly coming and going to this area as is. Often I wish it was just marshland that wasn't useable. The neighborhood would be so much better.	4/17/2023 9:11 PM
81	Minimize traffic to residents	4/17/2023 9:10 PM
82	Already too much traffic and speeding	4/17/2023 8:50 PM
83	None	4/17/2023 8:49 PM
84	Nothing is needed	4/17/2023 8:47 PM
85	No development needed	4/17/2023 8:46 PM
86	None, tax paying owners don't need any of these additional services.	4/17/2023 8:46 PM
87	Traffic	4/17/2023 8:27 PM
88	Public fishing pier	4/17/2023 8:26 PM
89	Leave it alone	4/17/2023 8:16 PM
90	Preservation and conservation aren't even on this ridiculous survey. It's a culdesac, not a park	4/17/2023 8:08 PM
91	None	4/17/2023 8:02 PM
92	The Residents that live in the area	4/17/2023 7:51 PM
93	Sailfish dr is used by kids and ad7lts to walk and ride bikes so this should be a big consideration.	4/17/2023 7:45 PM
94	Bike lanes	4/17/2023 7:33 PM
95	I have never been to the park. Our house is too far from there. If you're going to spend money on the park, sell the pier. It's a poor investment that most property owners on the island opposed.	4/17/2023 7:15 PM
96	No change needed	4/17/2023 7:09 PM
97	Disruption to the neighborhood	4/17/2023 6:53 PM
98	Don't believe it needs improvement!	4/17/2023 6:36 PM
99	No improvements needed	4/17/2023 6:28 PM
100	Through traffic not ideal for the neighborhood. Added noises and disturbances to the residents hinder the area.	4/17/2023 6:19 PM
101	What type of park is imagined? Is it for relaxing, fishing, exercise programs?	4/17/2023 6:08 PM
102	Sailfish cannot handle an increase in traffic as is.	4/17/2023 6:08 PM
103	Cost	4/17/2023 6:08 PM
104	Leave it alone	4/17/2023 6:07 PM
105	Should be an area for short term use.	4/17/2023 5:58 PM
106	Encroachment on property owners quiet enjoyment of their property.	4/17/2023 5:51 PM
107	Beautification and seating to enjoy view shade as well	4/17/2023 5:50 PM

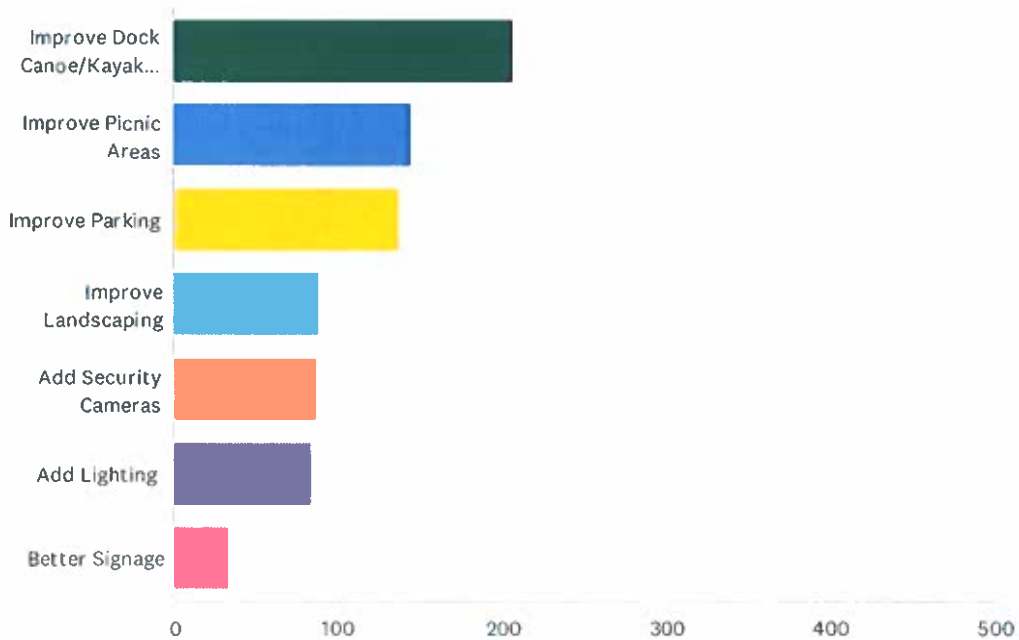
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108	It is beautiful as is and should remain natural and unspoiled by equipment	4/17/2023 5:48 PM
109	Sailfish Street is a residential neighborhood. Not one single town commissioner has to deal with the negatives of increased development at Sailfish park.	4/17/2023 5:45 PM
110	Concerns of property owners in that area	4/17/2023 5:45 PM
111	K	4/17/2023 5:31 PM
112	no improvements needed	4/17/2023 5:24 PM
113	Hours of use in consideration of people who live on sailfish	4/17/2023 5:14 PM
114	My house is on Sailfish and the road is already crowded with cars	4/17/2023 5:10 PM
115	The road to access the park is a residential road that people walk on every day. Kids ride their bikes in the middle of the road so the additional traffic would take away from visitors visiting the park. There is limited room at the park now and adding additional facilities would take away from the natural beauty of the park.	4/17/2023 4:55 PM
116	Parking & restrooms, both equally important.	4/17/2023 4:04 PM
117	Leave it as is. It is in a residential area, and does not need any upgrade that will add traffic, noise and trash.	4/17/2023 3:59 PM
118	Restroom	4/17/2023 3:47 PM
119	Nothing	4/17/2023 3:44 PM
120	Opinions of existing property owners	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
121	It's fine and well used as is. Taxpayers don't need something else to support.	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
122	Nothing, I like it the way it is.	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
123	Residents do not need more traffic or loitering after hours	4/17/2023 3:36 PM
124	Control visitors. 24 7. Police and wildlife presence 24 7.	4/17/2023 3:36 PM
125	The most important thing to consider is that adding structures and restrooms to the park will invite traffic down a dead end residential road. I talk to many people who are at the park fishing, and they are not Holden beach residents.	4/17/2023 3:31 PM
126	A few more picnic tables and benches. Don't mess it up!!	4/17/2023 3:15 PM
127	The entire area is a residential neighborhood. NO further development should be done at Sailfish Park.	4/17/2023 3:07 PM
128	Improvements should be considerate of the property owners in Sailfish area.	4/17/2023 3:05 PM
129	Why do we need that park.	4/17/2023 3:04 PM
130	No development. Leave it the way it is	4/17/2023 3:03 PM
131	Homeowner safety, property value	4/17/2023 2:49 PM
132	Leave it as it is. The owners of the properties directly across from the park should not be punished with lots of traffic and view-blocking park equipment.	4/17/2023 2:41 PM
133	All the above	4/17/2023 2:39 PM
134	Impact on residents	4/17/2023 2:38 PM
135	water access and restrooms - if you have kayak /canoe launch you definitely need nice restrooms	4/17/2023 2:36 PM
136	Cost to improve	4/17/2023 2:32 PM
137	Keeping people from blocking the canal entrance either when they fish or swim.	4/17/2023 2:30 PM
138	No improvements are needed	4/17/2023 2:24 PM

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Q9 Check below improvements that could be made to the existing Sailfish Park (188 Sailfish Dr)

Answered: 365 Skipped: 125



ANSWER CHOICES

RESPONSES

Improve Dock Canoe/Kayak Launch	56.71%	207
Improve Picnic Areas	39.73%	145
Improve Parking	37.81%	138
Improve Landscaping	24.38%	89
Add Security Cameras	23.56%	86
Add Lighting	22.74%	83
Better Signage	9.04%	33

Total Respondents: 365

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	No change	10/23/2023 2:31 PM
2	No improvement is needed.	10/23/2023 2:30 PM
3	none	10/23/2023 2:28 PM
4	improve maintenance of existing park.	10/23/2023 2:23 PM
5	Nothing leave it as is.	10/23/2023 2:21 PM
6	Charge for parking.	10/23/2023 2:14 PM



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7	None leave Sailfish natural.	10/23/2023 2:08 PM
8	None keep the park the way it is.	10/23/2023 1:58 PM
9	No improvements needed	10/23/2023 1:56 PM
10	Sailfish is a tiny piece of land. You CANT improve parking or expand it without encroaching on residents. Are you ready for the onslaught of complaints and phone calls when you increase traffic on a piece of land that can't be expanded !???	7/26/2023 10:24 PM
11	None!!! And certainly not lights!	7/26/2023 10:04 PM
12	No Improvements needed	6/19/2023 11:07 AM
13	None	6/16/2023 3:26 PM
14	None	5/26/2023 7:25 AM
15	It is a nice park as it is. No need for improvements	5/4/2023 10:09 PM
16	I prefer none of these	5/4/2023 8:14 AM
17	Add some playground equipment	4/30/2023 5:46 PM
18	low level lighting	4/26/2023 12:25 PM
19	We have seen used syringes from drug use	4/25/2023 9:29 PM
20	Keeping area clean	4/24/2023 11:17 PM
21	I like it as is. This is a residential area. Major improvements would increase traffic, noise, trash and reduce the quaintness and simplicity.	4/24/2023 4:38 PM
22	Add some horseshoe pits or bocci courts. Perhaps some swings or tetherball. Things that would not be greatly impacted by flooding.	4/23/2023 9:36 PM
23	Leave it alone.	4/23/2023 1:53 PM
24	None	4/22/2023 11:24 AM
25	None	4/20/2023 3:07 PM
26	Play equipment would attract people	4/20/2023 1:14 PM
27	None	4/20/2023 8:35 AM
28	None.	4/20/2023 8:15 AM
29	No improvements need to be made. Leave as is	4/20/2023 7:25 AM
30	Tennis court	4/19/2023 11:06 PM
31	Improvements should not be made	4/19/2023 8:46 PM
32	Fishing pier	4/19/2023 5:53 PM
33	Need play equipment for children.	4/19/2023 5:15 PM
34	Dog park	4/19/2023 3:54 PM
35	Its beautiful as is	4/19/2023 11:05 AM
36	Nothing- it's a nice quiet park	4/19/2023 6:21 AM
37	Restroom	4/19/2023 4:44 AM
38	bathrooms	4/18/2023 9:22 PM
39	Restrooms picnic area	4/18/2023 7:53 PM
40	Bathroom	4/18/2023 6:35 PM
41	No lighting!! Shines in our homes already with car lights and fishing lights	4/18/2023 6:03 PM
42	Pickle ball court	4/18/2023 5:50 PM

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43	Needs to remain a passive park with more attention to upkeep.	4/18/2023 5:30 PM
44	Nothing	4/18/2023 5:06 PM
45	none	4/18/2023 5:04 PM
46	Leave the park as is	4/18/2023 3:01 PM
47	Paid parking	4/18/2023 2:00 PM
48	None. Don't want any more visitors to this dead end residential street.	4/18/2023 1:55 PM
49	Keep it natural for wildlife and birdwatching. No need for any of these "improvements".	4/18/2023 1:52 PM
50	Control fire ants year round. That park is almost unusable due to the ants	4/18/2023 11:57 AM
51	None.	4/18/2023 11:47 AM
52	just take care of what is there	4/18/2023 11:35 AM
53	Add a playground	4/18/2023 11:05 AM
54	Playground	4/18/2023 10:07 AM
55	Bins to dispose of trash & regular collection	4/18/2023 10:04 AM
56	A play area for the children like swings and slides would be awesome. There is only one on the island near the bridge and its a little far from the west end	4/18/2023 9:27 AM
57	We do not need anything more we already have safety concerns due to cars speeding down our road. People spending the night in cars, partiers making noise late at night, concerns about drug and alcohol use in this deadend residential area. No buffers for residents adjacent to the park area. Increase confrontations with propert owners with strangers parking in their driveways we have had some theft and vandalism in the past. I have returned to my home and found chairs on my back porch moved in a circle with cigarette butts put out on my side table. Recently we had a huge fire on the OBW that burnt down two houses and damaged other that set the marsh grass ablaze behind at least six lots. I have seen charcole from a grill dumped by tourist that set marsh grass on fire. We have numerous concerns about safety of children and property.	4/18/2023 9:18 AM
58	Needs no improvements	4/18/2023 9:15 AM
59	Increase area to fish	4/18/2023 8:30 AM
60	Bike racks only! No restrooms No more Structures No more signs No more parking in residential neighborhoods with no buffer for single family homes!	4/18/2023 8:03 AM
61	None. The park is perfectly fine as is.	4/18/2023 8:01 AM
62	Drinking water fountain	4/18/2023 7:59 AM
63	Add playground equipment	4/18/2023 7:58 AM
64	Leave it the same	4/18/2023 6:57 AM
65	Security. Nicer facilities	4/18/2023 12:21 AM
66	We like the benches and the shaded areas.	4/17/2023 11:54 PM
67	NA	4/17/2023 11:39 PM
68	more shade over play areas	4/17/2023 10:47 PM
69	Dropped by two days ago and almost busted a tire pulling into the parking spot. A huge blind drop off on the right hand side of the lot.	4/17/2023 10:47 PM
70	Add restroom	4/17/2023 10:36 PM
71	Close it down...keep out druggies	4/17/2023 10:33 PM
72	Bathroom!	4/17/2023 10:29 PM
73	Additional traffic is not needed and will burden the neighborhood	4/17/2023 10:23 PM

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74	Times of operation	4/17/2023 10:12 PM
75	Fine as it is.	4/17/2023 10:03 PM
76	Resident approval. Taxes are already crazy	4/17/2023 9:57 PM
77	Waterside adult Swings like Southport & dog friendly 24x7	4/17/2023 9:50 PM
78	Great the way it is.	4/17/2023 9:48 PM
79	Does not need improvements. Bathrooms, etc will change park experience and attract an undesirable crowd.	4/17/2023 9:47 PM
80	Maintain trees.	4/17/2023 9:46 PM
81	Nothing	4/17/2023 9:41 PM
82	It is fine now!	4/17/2023 9:30 PM
83	None of these are needed currently.	4/17/2023 9:22 PM
84	Leave it along	4/17/2023 9:20 PM
85	No improvements are needed. Please let this be a quiet neighborhood. Remove parking areas and put bike racks if you want people to visit this area so much.	4/17/2023 9:11 PM
86	None	4/17/2023 9:10 PM
87	No improvements are needed	4/17/2023 8:52 PM
88	Afraid rest rooms will lead to drug overdoses	4/17/2023 8:50 PM
89	None needed	4/17/2023 8:49 PM
90	Nothing is needed	4/17/2023 8:47 PM
91	None	4/17/2023 8:46 PM
92	None. These things wouldn't benefit owners and tax paying citizens at all	4/17/2023 8:46 PM
93	No improvements would be best. Traffic through dead end residential street should be lessened not increased	4/17/2023 8:27 PM
94	Fishing pier	4/17/2023 8:26 PM
95	ALL THE ABOVE	4/17/2023 8:20 PM
96	Benches	4/17/2023 8:16 PM
97	It's in someone's front yard, on a dead end street, 4 miles from the bridge. Leave it alone	4/17/2023 8:08 PM
98	None	4/17/2023 8:02 PM
99	Let the people who use it pay for improvements or sell the pier and use the money for most of the list. Or, get rid of Halstead Park, which as bad an idea as Lot Q. The town is destroying the value of homeowners' views and neighborhoods.	4/17/2023 7:15 PM
100	A small type fishing pier	4/17/2023 7:12 PM
101	No change needed	4/17/2023 7:09 PM
102	Shade	4/17/2023 7:01 PM
103	Add grills	4/17/2023 6:29 PM
104	None	4/17/2023 6:28 PM
105	No improvement needed - dredging to ensure boats get through is the most necessary from a safety standpoint.	4/17/2023 6:19 PM
106	What is our vision for the space? Do we want a picnic area, fishing/kayaking area, group exercise programs?	4/17/2023 6:08 PM
107	None are needed.	4/17/2023 6:08 PM

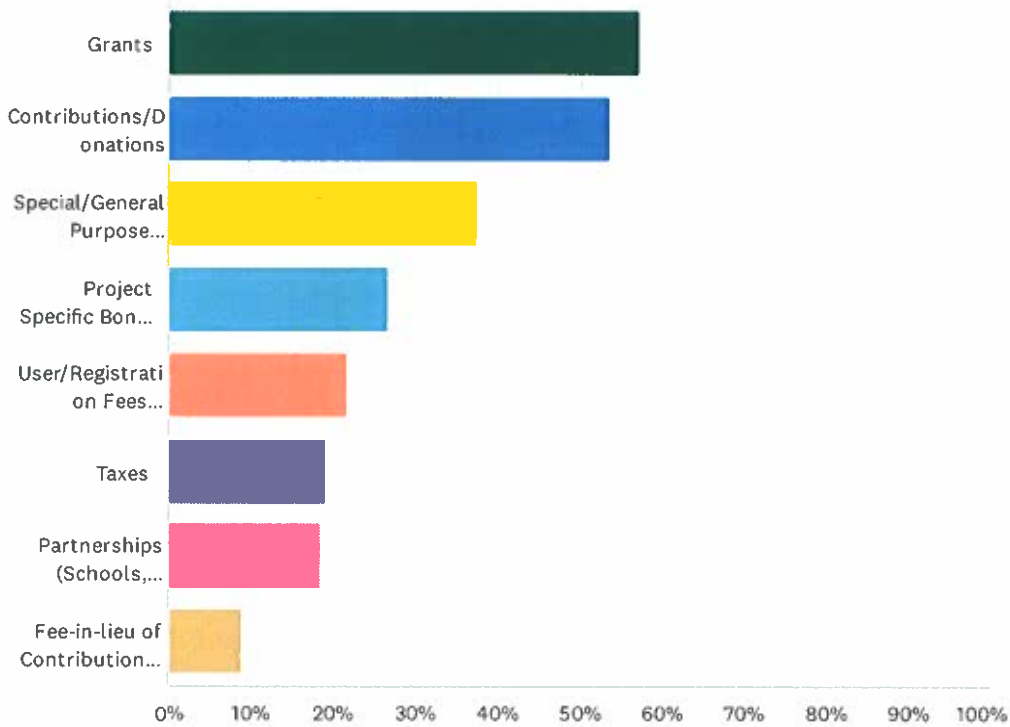
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108	Leave it alone	4/17/2023 6:07 PM
109	Contain use to park area only.	4/17/2023 5:51 PM
110	There should not be any additional development of Sailfish park and no additional town funds should be spent there.	4/17/2023 5:45 PM
111	Porta-pot	4/17/2023 5:17 PM
112	Lightning would be a problem, People tend to congregate at night with loud music	4/17/2023 5:10 PM
113	Swings or jungle gym. Not much is needed but a little something goes a long way.	4/17/2023 5:00 PM
114	Would be great to have a kayak launch that could be accessible regardless of tide.	4/17/2023 4:07 PM
115	Unsure, didn't know about Sailfish Park ??	4/17/2023 4:04 PM
116	Add nothing!	4/17/2023 3:59 PM
117	Improved fishing	4/17/2023 3:44 PM
118	Nothing	4/17/2023 3:44 PM
119	Leave it alone	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
120	Existing lighting over courts needs to be focused down more. It's now in the light pollution mode!	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
121	N/A	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
122	Covered area for shade	4/17/2023 3:40 PM
123	It's is nice right now	4/17/2023 3:36 PM
124	I know neighbors have been burdened with lawbreaking visitors. Litter, urination, drugs, hanging out late, vandalism, damage to property	4/17/2023 3:36 PM
125	Since I didn't know it was there, some signage directing people to it might be helpful.	4/17/2023 3:35 PM
126	Shade	4/17/2023 3:34 PM
127	Sand spurs and fire ants need to be taken care of.	4/17/2023 3:31 PM
128	Sailfish is already pretty nice, but may be some signs describing the histor?	4/17/2023 3:28 PM
129	It is very good as is. Does not need improvements!!	4/17/2023 3:15 PM
130	Small Playground / Swings	4/17/2023 3:14 PM
131	Shuffleboard area, puttandplay, shaded area	4/17/2023 3:13 PM
132	These would be of great interest to me, if they do not impede the use of their property by owners owners in the park area.	4/17/2023 3:05 PM
133	We don't use the park	4/17/2023 3:04 PM
134	Implement paid parking	4/17/2023 3:03 PM
135	charge for parking so homeowner taxpayer doesnt hsve to pay for people who do not pay Holden Beach taxes	4/17/2023 2:49 PM
136	Please keep the park low key and natural	4/17/2023 2:38 PM
137	All I ever see there are people fishing	4/17/2023 2:30 PM
138	Add dog park	4/17/2023 2:28 PM
139	Restrooms	4/17/2023 2:28 PM
140	Dog park off leash	4/17/2023 2:24 PM
141	None	4/17/2023 2:24 PM

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Q10 What, if any, sources of funding are you willing to support in order to make improvements, build new facilities, and create programs? Check all that apply.

Answered: 387 Skipped: 103



**ANSWER CHOICES**

**RESPONSES**

Grants	57.11%	221
Contributions/Donations	53.49%	207
Special/General Purpose Foundations (example: Parks and Recreation Foundation)	37.47%	145
Project Specific Bond Referendums (example: Future recreational facility)	26.61%	103
User/Registration Fees (Program fees)	21.71%	84
Taxes	19.12%	74
Partnerships (Schools, organizations, state or local agencies)	18.60%	72
Fee-in-lieu of Contribution (example: Land from new subdivision)	9.04%	35

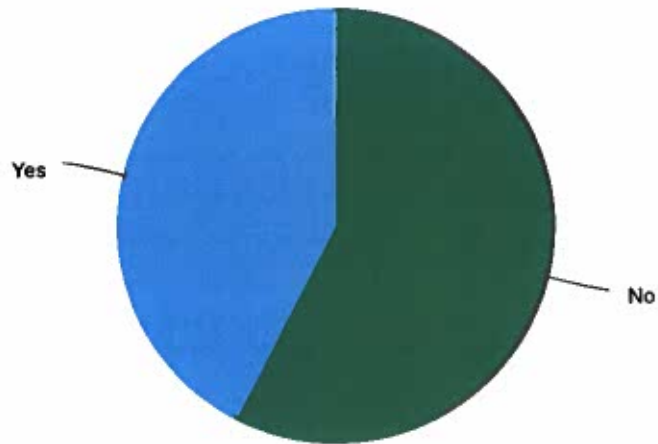
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Q11 Would you be willing to pay a nominal fee to attend an event or use a special facility?

Answered: 471 Skipped: 19



**ANSWER CHOICES**

No

Yes

TOTAL

**RESPONSES**

57.54%

42.46%

271

200

471

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### Q12 Additional Comments:

Answered: 164   Skipped: 326

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	No improvement is needed. leave it alone	10/23/2023 2:30 PM
2	Leave Sailfish alone.	10/23/2023 2:28 PM
3	There are so many other needed things to be done to improve island.	10/23/2023 2:23 PM
4	Spending money will only make it worse. It is perfect the way it is.	10/23/2023 2:21 PM
5	No development please.	10/23/2023 2:14 PM
6	send notices to all property owners in water bill, via email, certified letter where projects are proposed.	10/23/2023 2:08 PM
7	Keep the park the way it is.	10/23/2023 1:58 PM
8	Leave the park alone.	10/23/2023 1:56 PM
9	Please leave sailfish park as it is. NO ONE IN Harbor Acres is asking for this park to be expanded. You will find yourselves voted out of office. Expand the parks near the bridge and town office buildings. You have done zero studies on how this will affect current residents. Day trippers do not contribute to the tax base and residents do!	7/26/2023 10:24 PM
10	Please leave selfish alone. There are enough people that visit there already and enjoy the park as is.	7/26/2023 10:04 PM
11	Sailfish Park is a wonderful nature park. It is peaceful and needs no improvements!	6/19/2023 11:07 AM
12	This is a waste of taxpayer money. There are many other projects that should first have the allocation of these funds such as the pier improvements, nature trails and my personal preference - a bike lane. There will be minimum overall improvement to the space by adding shade (there are already trees), delineating parking spaces and adding a canoe launch when it basically already exists naturally. Makes no sense when so many other projects are pending. Moreover, the addition of bathrooms will diminish the space from a natural perspective and likely increase traffic which would be a major negative impact for homeowners. Please take this into consideration in your decision making.	6/16/2023 3:26 PM
13	We live in Sailfish Dr. The amount of traffic that speeds through is already too much. People fly down our street and none of them live there. It's a nice park as is.	5/26/2023 7:25 AM
14	This survey is biased toward improving the park. Any additional "improvements" to the park will make the area too busy, issues with security and houses/property on Sailfish. I also have a concern of traffic and speed on the road, especially with a sharp turn that I have seen many close call accidents. If residents are seeing concerns with the park and traffic as it is today, it will only get worse. I am not in favor of any park improvements. Thanks. Rich Snowdon 160 Sailfish homeowner and permanent resident.	5/4/2023 10:09 PM
15	The park already brings in too many people. It's ridiculous how fast people who don't live on Sailfish speed down it.	5/3/2023 5:49 PM
16	The park isn't very large but if there was a small playground it would be much nicer.	4/30/2023 5:46 PM
17	There are other higher priorities the town needs to address before spending money on sailfish.	4/25/2023 9:29 PM
18	Use money elsewhere, like pier location.	4/24/2023 4:38 PM
19	Neighbors don't want improvements- and neither do I. It's fine as it is. If people want restrooms there are 2 easily accessible at other parks.	4/23/2023 1:53 PM
20	I was extremely disappointed to learn that Holden Beach is thinking about making changes to Sailfish Park. I enjoy walking on Sailfish to see the marsh views and take in the occasional	4/23/2023 1:04 PM

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sunset. Cars speed up and down the road making it unsafe for walkers and bikers. I have major concerns about traffic if you add restrooms, kayak ramps and additional picnic tables. More people also means more trash. I really hope that this proposed plan does not go through. Sailfish is a wonderful little park just the way it is!

21	Please do not bring in more crime, littering, vandalism. We have already had issues in this area. This park expansion should not be a high priority.	4/23/2023 10:03 AM
22	Town Council needs to better assess negative impact to immediate property owners. Let's preserve what is a relatively quiet neighborhood, which is one of the attributes of HB. TC could always lower property tax rates as opposed to undertaking needless projects.	4/22/2023 11:24 AM
23	I am sincerely asking that all additions to Sailfish Park be halted. It will take away from the quietness and serenity of the park and neighborhood. Thank you!	4/20/2023 3:07 PM
24	Given the fees charged for parking HB doesn't need anymore fee based programs. A pavilion on the west end of the Island would benefit those who don't have quick access to Bridgeview Park.	4/20/2023 1:14 PM
25	The residents that i know don't want it.	4/20/2023 8:35 AM
26	Any additional parks are unnecessary. We already offer access to the ocean, the world's biggest park. Re item #9: All already exist at the state boat launch and (future) development of Block Q. Future park development in the area is the responsibility of Brunswick County.	4/20/2023 8:15 AM
27	Leave the park alone. It is fine as is	4/20/2023 7:25 AM
28	Just get it done. For a family beach it's laughable the amount of family areas that are on the island!	4/19/2023 9:45 PM
29	Sailfish park is located at the dead end of a street that does not have sidewalks. Any improvements are an accident waiting to happen for the town and could potentially make traffic much worse on Ocean Blvd than it already is.	4/19/2023 8:46 PM
30	As a year-round resident, I am taxed to pay for many services I do not need or want (eg, extra trash collections, trash can rollbacks, police other than the county sheriff, building inspection) in order to support the rental businesses and landlords. The LEAST I should get in return is one car free parking during the season, especially since there is not enough handicapped parking to support the demographic.	4/19/2023 2:31 PM
31	Already live on the island and pay property taxes. Do not think property owners (particularly full-time residents) should have to pay to use town facilities.	4/19/2023 1:51 PM
32	Leave the park just as it is. If you must add a portable bathroom.	4/19/2023 11:05 AM
33	Thank you for taking the time to improve the area. Our family has been coming to Holden beach every year- this summer will be our 50th year in a row!	4/19/2023 9:54 AM
34	No changes to Sailfish. \$34k was a waste of taxpayer funds.	4/19/2023 8:08 AM
35	No more taxes	4/19/2023 6:21 AM
36	This is a small residential area. Respect for the neighborhood should be of the utmost importance before over-developing an area.	4/18/2023 11:23 PM
37	Why is this being considered for development. It will only increase traffic on OBW and bring unwanted guests further into the residential area. It is SO unnecessary.	4/18/2023 8:27 PM
38	Make more fishing pier lights	4/18/2023 7:53 PM
39	The park is fine the way it is!! Street not set up for traffic. It will ruin life for people on the street. Many people enjoy the park as it is now. Congestion is a major problem on the street!! Our driveway is blocked often!!	4/18/2023 6:03 PM
40	Answer to #10; none! You didn't give an option for other comments! Remain a passive park, it is enjoyed mostly by off islanders owners and off islander rentals.	4/18/2023 5:30 PM
41	Please do not make Sailfish Park any larger. Traffic is already heavy for a small residential road.	4/18/2023 5:06 PM
42	No extensive improvements are need. Please listen to the homeowner's. This is our	4/18/2023 5:02 PM

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neighborhood and have to live with the negative consequences.

43	No changes are needed. The park needs to remain as it is- no changes needed. Put the money towards making the pier to make it user friendly. Please listen to the property owners on the island.	4/18/2023 3:01 PM
44	Taxes should cover use	4/18/2023 2:04 PM
45	this is a dead-end street in a residential neighborhood. Any additional development is a huge mistake.	4/18/2023 2:00 PM
46	Many questions on this survey are leading and biased. Keep Sailfish as it is - a small, natural, neighborhood park. Do not add bathrooms, shelters that block the view, or "attractions". People who live there need to be heard.	4/18/2023 1:52 PM
47	Stop making my island Myrtle beach if I wanted to live there I would have bought there originally	4/18/2023 12:15 PM
48	Would be great if there were loaner kayaks or rental kayaks there for everyone to use!	4/18/2023 11:40 AM
49	It cannot be very expensive to put a couple porta potty's there or if it is then build a two hole "permanent" potty that gets pumped out weekly. Add a couple pick-nick tables and maybe some better sand to launch kayaks.	4/18/2023 11:03 AM
50	Because of the nature of our population base, taxes and bonds are not good options. Putting user fees penalizes our tourists so grants and development fees make more sense for public spaces. Restrooms spread down the island feel like a huge improvement in supporting access for all and less wear on Jordan Blvd. also provides a basis for asking for grant dollars.	4/18/2023 10:43 AM
51	I live 2 streets over from Sailfish. I don't utilize that park, but I do however, ride my bike on that street. The traffic and rate of speed of some drivers is concerning. This is a residential street and should not be used for a public park to accommodate large crowds. There is a reason people like myself moved to HB. The politicians are destroying it by accommodating nonresidents. As a homeowner, I am totally against this.	4/18/2023 10:39 AM
52	I would like to see minimal improvements but restroom facilities are important. I'd like to see the park open from sunrise to sunset and parking allowed only during those hours. I think cars parked after hours should be ticketed. I'd like to see paid parking there to perhaps help with the cost of maintaining the park.	4/18/2023 10:36 AM
53	Improving kayak/canoe launch would be nice. Restrooms and other facilities would cause issues with traffic, parking, trash for those residents in close proximity. Leave some things as is.	4/18/2023 10:31 AM
54	Holden Beach has very little recreation for families as it is. Parks and recreation should be free for all visitors and families that live there. It would be a huge draw to the community. Bathrooms would be as well. Its a great little fishing spot for amateur recreational fishing.	4/18/2023 9:27 AM
55	Leave park as it is.	4/18/2023 9:26 AM
56	The merchants association used to promote events to bring customers to the beach. We have recently purchase the Pier and Block Q for boat parking, We have major work to be completed at both sites including new accessible bathrooms. These huge projects should alleviate the need for porta potties and restrooms all over our beach. Residential areas should remain residential. Public areas should have connectivity to town and commercial facilities. Our marshes, and beaches and wetland areas should be conserved and protected as open space with natural beauty for future generations to enjoy!! Please stop diminishing our quality of life here at Holden Beach for owners and visitors. The need for more projects is not wanted we are only a small eight mile island. Where are the parks and trails along the other side of the ICWW. Please do not put portapotties up and down our streets!!!	4/18/2023 9:18 AM
57	Sailfish park is just fine. I'm sure there's other places to spend that money 🙄	4/18/2023 9:15 AM
58	We would like the pier to reopen and have public restrooms not portable toilets. A snack bar would be great too!	4/18/2023 8:49 AM
59	The park does not need improvement except more security to deal with drunks, dope addicts and undesirables that gather there.	4/18/2023 8:35 AM
60	As a resident I pay enough in taxes to access a park. Too much money was spent on other	4/18/2023 8:30 AM

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projects like the pier, which is still unusable.

61	We do not want to ruin our natural wetlands and open space areas such as the marshes and the area at Sailfish. We do not want public parks on dead end streets in residential neighborhoods. Where you encourage more cars and trash not to mention drugs and alcohol. You are ruining the character of our island and family beach! More is not always better. People come to HB to get get away from traffic clutter and urban development. We are here for the natural beauty of our island quiet and safe for families.	4/18/2023 8:03 AM
62	Sailfish park is never going to be heavily used either by residents or vacationers. People come to the island for the beach. Putting any money into the park is a waste of money and should not be pursued.	4/18/2023 8:01 AM
63	Taxes are already too high for what is provided. If it requires additional revenue, I would recommend leaving the park as-is. State and local grants should be explored.	4/18/2023 7:59 AM
64	Improvements at Sailfish should not be designed to attract large numbers, but rather to make the visit more enjoyable for those that do use the park.	4/18/2023 7:56 AM
65	Park must be maintained and kept nice	4/18/2023 7:52 AM
66	If non discriminatory then why include age, gender, and ethnicity in this survey?	4/18/2023 7:21 AM
67	Taxes are already going up	4/18/2023 6:56 AM
68	Leave the park the way it is. That street cannot handle any more traffic. It is a neighborhood park. It is something people walk to or ride their bikes to. Don't ruin it. Everyone who lives here on the last set of canals as I do are against this park development.	4/18/2023 6:51 AM
69	This park would bring more problems for boating in and out of the canal/ICW entry. The People there now that fish, do not always pull in their lines when boaters are coming in and out. More people would only make this situation worse.	4/18/2023 1:59 AM
70	Don't need a lot of people pressure. It's a neighborhood	4/18/2023 12:21 AM
71	The lending library is a nice addition to the park. Plant/tree identification signage with native plants to coastal NC would be a good addition. It would be a good educational opportunity to have brochures on recommended native plants that are recommended as well as having information on invasive plants NOT to plant. The Coastal Landscapes Initiative has free brochures.	4/17/2023 11:54 PM
72	This little park is perfect as is. We've enjoyed this park for years now and feel that improvements would make it crowded and take away the from the peaceful, simplistic nature of the park and it's wildlife that we enjoy. Adding light would mean light pollution that would take away from star viewing. Don't ruin this park for those that enjoy it for what it is:Simple natural area.	4/17/2023 11:45 PM
73	I like it the way it is.	4/17/2023 11:39 PM
74	Traffic and trouble will follow I am afraid . Hangout area not near police dept will possibly cause problems for neighbors thefts ,violence drinking and drugs . Any problems there could cause liability problems for city ( property owners will certainly have to bear.) If you see what is going on in our country these days all of these problems are not out of the question , we don't need to bring trouble on ourselves	4/17/2023 11:32 PM
75	The addition of beach access parking across the street has caused much trespassing on my property and my adjacent family. Someone was going to cross the dune yesterday at 785 OBW where the house was removed. He remarked that there's already a path.	4/17/2023 11:15 PM
76	It's a nice little park. Leave it alone. The neighborhood does not need crowds or additional traffic.	4/17/2023 11:13 PM
77	Please do not add lights in the park. It's great for night fishing free of crabs (unlike the beach) and bugs (which lights attract). There is enough light in parking area.	4/17/2023 11:13 PM
78	No need for massive improvements to this park. Just clean it up a bit and it would be fine. It is too small and located in residential area to become anything more than what is current is.	4/17/2023 10:39 PM
79	The residential horse is out of the barn...no room for parks which are magnets for drug activities	4/17/2023 10:33 PM



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80	The entrance to the canals at Sailfish park is via boat is hindered now with the fishing activity, kayaks, etc. Any additional usage of the park will cause increased traffic hindering the neighborhood. The water levels are very shallow at low tide leaving no room for maneuvering around the fishing lines that people have in the water and don't move for boat traffic.	4/17/2023 10:23 PM
81	Before the Town of Holden Beach does anything to sail fish park, they need to finish the current projects, the pier Avenue Q upgrading the pavilion and the areas around it the bike lanes	4/17/2023 10:12 PM
82	Sailfish Park is fine as it is. Is someone just looking to throw some money at something to "improve" it? In my 31 years of home ownership on HB, not once has anyone mentioned how wonderful it would be if improvements would be made to Sailfish Park. How about addressing real needs for the island like the horrific lack of drainage on the streets, need for a dog park, safety signs and crosswalk painting at beach entrance ways. etc. etc.	4/17/2023 10:03 PM
83	Use the money to open the property on the q block for paid parking the let paid parking generate the funds for the improvements it's not that hard.	4/17/2023 10:00 PM
84	Open the paid parking by the boat ramps that was purchased for parking. Generate enough profit from parking then do other improvements,	4/17/2023 9:52 PM
85	Tourist need a 1% use tax for Emergency services Police & free concerts trash etc. No more on the property owners we are spent out with taxes & utility & now parking fees	4/17/2023 9:50 PM
86	Please leave the park the way it is.	4/17/2023 9:48 PM
87	In question # 10, why is NONE for an answer not sn option?	4/17/2023 9:47 PM
88	Please respect neighboring homes. Okay to maintain access for visitors. Bathrooms would be nice but must be safe, serviced, and kept clean. Limited hours for bathrooms with daylight for safety.	4/17/2023 9:46 PM
89	Nothing needs to be done that will attract more people and traffic. Location is wrong to try to make it more than it is now.	4/17/2023 9:41 PM
90	I think this survey should have been included in our water bill. I should NOT finding out about a survey that could impact my taxes as a homeowner via Facebook. You all did this with the pier too! You need to be asking the owners what they want!	4/17/2023 9:36 PM
91	What is there is all that is needed. If it is open to more, you will have swimmers and that will be a potential major issue.	4/17/2023 9:30 PM
92	Any changes to the park will have a detrimental impact on property owners, residents, and guests in homes along Sailfish Drive and Swordfish Drive. There is risk of exacerbating flooding along the canals and streets of Harbor Acres.	4/17/2023 9:22 PM
93	As a homeowner on sailfish ,we already have excessive traffic and noise from trucks ,so much traffic children in danger of being runned over ,people already at park all times of night ,the park in middle of a neighborhood and should be preserved as such	4/17/2023 9:20 PM
94	Let's focus on the reason people come to Holden...to come to the beach! If you want to add bathrooms amenities, do it on the beach!	4/17/2023 9:11 PM
95	This is a subdivision should not be further developed	4/17/2023 9:10 PM
96	Parks and Rec should be free for all to enjoy! Open access. Maintain via tax dollars/ build via donations, grants, partnerships	4/17/2023 9:08 PM
97	I need more information about this park	4/17/2023 9:07 PM
98	The park should be primarily for the harbor acres residents.who will keep the park clean, pick up trash, etc.	4/17/2023 8:59 PM
99	No improvements are needed. Leave it as it is.	4/17/2023 8:52 PM
100	I think it is great as it is.	4/17/2023 8:49 PM
101	This is not needed. Your survey was obviously biased as you never asked if we support any change. We don't	4/17/2023 8:46 PM
102	Question 10 forgot to include "none of these options" as a choice.	4/17/2023 8:46 PM

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103	The location of Sailfish park is not an appropriate place to encourage more trips. An area under the bridge or at the pump station would be more appropriate places to encourage more people. The people of Harbor acres and more specifically the people who OWN property Sailfish Dr do not want any additional vehicular trips down our road. It is not a thoroughfare and should not be treated as such. Ryan Paschal 180 Sailfish Dr	4/17/2023 8:27 PM
104	Overall the area of HB needs more restrooms and handicapped areas ...	4/17/2023 8:20 PM
105	Leave it alone and fix the new property ie pier you have already purchased against wishes of owners!!	4/17/2023 8:16 PM
106	It's marshy, under water during high tides, on a bike and walking path and culdesac. How is a bathroom approved on the ground when it's supposed to be above base flood?? How will an above ground bathroom be ADA accessible? Leave it alone. People love it the way it is. It's the view of the boats going by that people love. It's too far from police to respond to any issue. It's a fishing spot and small park for families. There isn't the space to park and it's a residential street. Homeowners and renters on that street should decide what that community needs	4/17/2023 8:08 PM
107	Not needed	4/17/2023 8:02 PM
108	Family and friends enjoy fishing at this area..	4/17/2023 8:01 PM
109	C'mon now ! stop wasting taxpayer money!	4/17/2023 7:51 PM
110	Sailfish park should not have anything done to it. Just needs to left alone.	4/17/2023 7:45 PM
111	Survey is too broad	4/17/2023 7:33 PM
112	I live on Dolphin Drive and a member of Harbor Acres. I am very concerned with increased traffic, parking and trash that will come with changing Sailfish park. Will it be monitored as closely as the facilities near town hall???????	4/17/2023 7:16 PM
113	You should figure out who among property owners on the island actually uses the Sailfish Park. I would use a park where all of Lot Q is right now.	4/17/2023 7:15 PM
114	No raise in taxes or new fees	4/17/2023 7:12 PM
115	The residents in the area do not need more traffic. I oppose additional development at this location.You need to locate an area for a dog park on the island.	4/17/2023 7:09 PM
116	Brunswick County should be financially supporting any parks within thier boundaries. Sailfish parking should be paid parking if it is not already. If restrooms are to be added they should be permanent not portable eyesore variety. A small kayak type launch pier would be a nice add.	4/17/2023 7:02 PM
117	Holden Beach needs more access for handicapped people and more, cleaner restrooms. Restrooms needed on east end. Lifeguards are also needed in the peak season!	4/17/2023 6:52 PM
118	I don't believe the sailfish park needs any improvements! If you want to invest money in any improvements it should be on the east end where there is many more visitors to use it!	4/17/2023 6:36 PM
119	Bathrooms lower priority than Kayak access	4/17/2023 6:28 PM
120	Time would be better spent on pier project	4/17/2023 6:28 PM
121	People are still parking on canal streets to avoid paying for parking. The spaces at Sailfish Park should also be paid spaces.	4/17/2023 6:28 PM
122	We should focus on completing existing projects. Sailfish park like most other "parks" has been an area thats attracted drug dealers. Its also become noisy, disturbing to the residents.	4/17/2023 6:19 PM
123	As a property owner in Harbor Acres, our community is comprised mostly of families with small children. Sailfish is already a dangerous street from the traffic of people who utilize the park area. They speed and do not pay attention to adults or children walking and riding their bikes. It's only a matter of time before a casualty occurs. Further developing Sailfish park would not be a wise choice for our neighborhood and it's extremely disappointing that the town would not first ask the people who live here their opinion first. The ones that utilize the park I'm sure do not pay taxes, nor will they care of it is taken care of. It already gets littered with trash. Those that frequent the park have very little respect for those that live here.	4/17/2023 6:08 PM
124	Leave it be sad and stop buying NEW PROPERTY, MORE SPENDING MONEY OR TYING	4/17/2023 6:07 PM

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OUR COMMUNITY TO RIDICULOUS GRANTS WITH TOO MANY STIPULATIONS!! Listen to RESIDENTS of Holden Beach not visitors. Our neighborhood does not need additional traffic in our residential homes!!

125	Cleaning up existing facilities and maintaining them is all the Town should do. My opinion is that what we have is what is needed to accommodate the tax payers of Holden Beach.	4/17/2023 5:58 PM
126	I do not know of any event to pay for ?	4/17/2023 5:50 PM
127	With all of the "improvements" already planned for Holden Beach, it would be nice to retain the natural beauty of Sailfish. Often there are local fishermen and families picnicking quietly. It is a beautiful place to sit, reflect, and enjoy the views without the distraction of a pavilion, activities, and whatever other commercial endeavors there already are at the bridge park! Please preserve that atmosphere.	4/17/2023 5:48 PM
128	Sailfish park has had numerous issues with drug use there. Last year a guy overdosed there and fell out of his truck onto the ground and had to be handled by Holden Beach Police. There should not be ANY more development at Sailfish park. Last year a guy overdosed there and fell out of his truck onto the ground and had to be handled by Holden Beach Police. There should not be ANY more development at Sailfish park. Until the town completes all of the higher priority projects that are critical to the town - 2nd water tower, sewer lift station upgrade, block Q, and storm water runoff abatement, there should not be any additional development of Sailfish park. All of that area is is a residential neighborhood. Cars speeding down the street. Drug use. Very loud trucks and motorcycles from people who do not even live on the island should all be addressed first before a single dollar is spent on the park. NO further park development should occur there.	4/17/2023 5:45 PM
129	I do not support expanding services due to Not enough projects that's been started have been finished. I suggest type on this idea for three years until the pier project is completed.	4/17/2023 5:31 PM
130	Sailfish park is beautiful like it is. A dock would be nice. This is one of the only green spaces on the island where all of us can hang out along the waterway, enjoy nature. We need more public parks and protected nature areas on the water.	4/17/2023 5:27 PM
131	Use the money from paid parking.	4/17/2023 5:17 PM
132	I live across from the park. You will create a major problem with traffic and people if you create a lot of parking.	4/17/2023 5:10 PM
133	I have a handicap child that we use Sailfish Dr to pull her in a wagon to the park. The additional traffic on the road will take that away from our joy of enjoying the park. The street can't handle it. Please consider the residence that live on that street.	4/17/2023 4:55 PM
134	Not a good place for a park. I is in a residential area on a dead end street. Making the park bigger and have more programs would cause a traffic problem and safety problem for the residents.	4/17/2023 4:48 PM
135	Thanks for taking the time to make Holden Beach even better, keep up the great work!	4/17/2023 4:39 PM
136	Sailfish needs to be left as it is other than normal repairs to the bulkhead and fencing. It also appears as if the town is moving forward regardless of what residents and property owners think.	4/17/2023 4:37 PM
137	do we really need to spend more money when we have spent so much money for a pier and property we can't. How about finishing the pier project before spending more on something else	4/17/2023 4:28 PM
138	Sailfish park is in the Harbor Acres residential community. The residents want it left as is. The park already generates safety issues (speeding, drug use), trash and noise issues for the folks on Sailfish. The Park is also in the Corps right of way and any improvements could be demolished if the Corps needs to use it. Last, the tax payers do not need to pay for more infrastructure that primarily benefits off island residents in Brunswick County.	4/17/2023 3:59 PM
139	Most current use of the park is for fishing. Perhaps a fishing porch or dock would support current users.	4/17/2023 3:44 PM
140	We do not have adequate parking anywhere on the island to accommodate existing visitors. Adding another draw will only make the problem worse.	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
141	It is fine the way it is. Why add anymore "things" that have to be maintained?	4/17/2023 3:43 PM

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142	Sailfish Park should remain in its current state. I do not support expanding this park.	4/17/2023 3:43 PM
143	Please do not add anything to encourage loitering after hours or encourage partying. This is in a neighborhood and not on public area with room for traffic or loud music or drug deals etc	4/17/2023 3:36 PM
144	Local full time residence nearby are not on board with more visitors and trouble at Sailfish. Good luck!	4/17/2023 3:36 PM
145	Development of Sailfish park would be terrible to all residents on Sailfish St. It is a dead end residential road. I can barely take my young children out to ride their bikes because of people speeding by just to drive to the park and turn around. My house is one of the 4 directly across from Sailfish park and we would be extremely upset with the development of this already beautiful piece of land that people enjoy exactly the way it is.	4/17/2023 3:31 PM
146	Maybe depends on activity	4/17/2023 3:23 PM
147	The town charges us enough taxes and fees and we rarely use the few facilities around, How about pickleball courts, or yoga back in the town hall rather than outside???	4/17/2023 3:21 PM
148	PLEASE leave Sailfish Park alone!! It offers a beautiful natural experience as it is now. The addition of covered picnic areas, bathrooms, etc will have truly adverse effects on the park experience and the neighborhood. Leave it alone. If you have more tax money than you need to run the town, then lower the property taxes.	4/17/2023 3:15 PM
149	As a Holden Beach taxpayer, I believe that any facilities owned by the town should be available to the taxpayers to use at no additional fee.	4/17/2023 3:15 PM
150	I would love to see swing set! My kids love biking down and would love to swing & watch the boats & people fishing!	4/17/2023 3:14 PM
151	Depends what it might be	4/17/2023 3:13 PM
152	Restrooms,kayak launch, fishing, parking and picnic tables are all we seem to have room for at Salfish park. One handicapped accessible restroom male/female would be sufficient. Hours maybe 8:00 - till 8:00 only - NO lights!	4/17/2023 3:08 PM
153	There should be NO further development at Sailfish park. The entire park area is in the US Army Corp of Engineers right of way. ZERO town funds should be spent there. PLUS, the entire area is a residential neighborhood where many park visitors show NO respect for area homeowners. Speeding down Sailfish, drug use, and even a drug overdose there last year will only be encouraged with further development. At a minimum, the park should close from sun up to sundown every day. The speed limit should be lowered on Sailfish as well.	4/17/2023 3:07 PM
154	Fee should be for non property owners	4/17/2023 3:06 PM
155	Again, why do we need another park.	4/17/2023 3:04 PM
156	Due to its proximity to homes, any changes at Sailfish Park would have to respect the need for safety, privacy, and noise levels at the park area.	4/17/2023 3:03 PM
157	The traffic is already bad and more development would only make the problem worse.	4/17/2023 3:03 PM
158	I am a 20 year Holden Beach homeowner and taxpayer. It is not fair for me to foot the bill for visitors who do not pay taxes, and to add to this unfairness, I cannot vote for the people who are spending my tax dollars. The pier purchase was done without full consideration of the homeowners. The surveys included people who do not own property here and pay the taxes. We do not need to spend tax money on Sailfish park. Least of all \$34000 for consulting? Whats behind that? Put some paid parking signs in and get some revenue to offset maintenance . The people who fish that park today obstruct safe passage of boaters who live in the canals (me). What will happen when you add kayaks? I am deeply opposed to spending my tax dollars here.	4/17/2023 2:49 PM
159	Please leave Sailfish Park as the unspoiled, lovely view it is now. No tall picnic shelters, playgrounds, or tall fenced in basketball/pickle ball areas. What we love about Holden is the unspoiled beauty. Please stop trying to commercialize the area. This would also be extremely unfair to the homeowners living across from the park.	4/17/2023 2:41 PM
160	The Town needs to finish all the other projects it has started. Residents and taxpayers desires should count more than visitors. Sailfish Park is fine as it is.	4/17/2023 2:38 PM

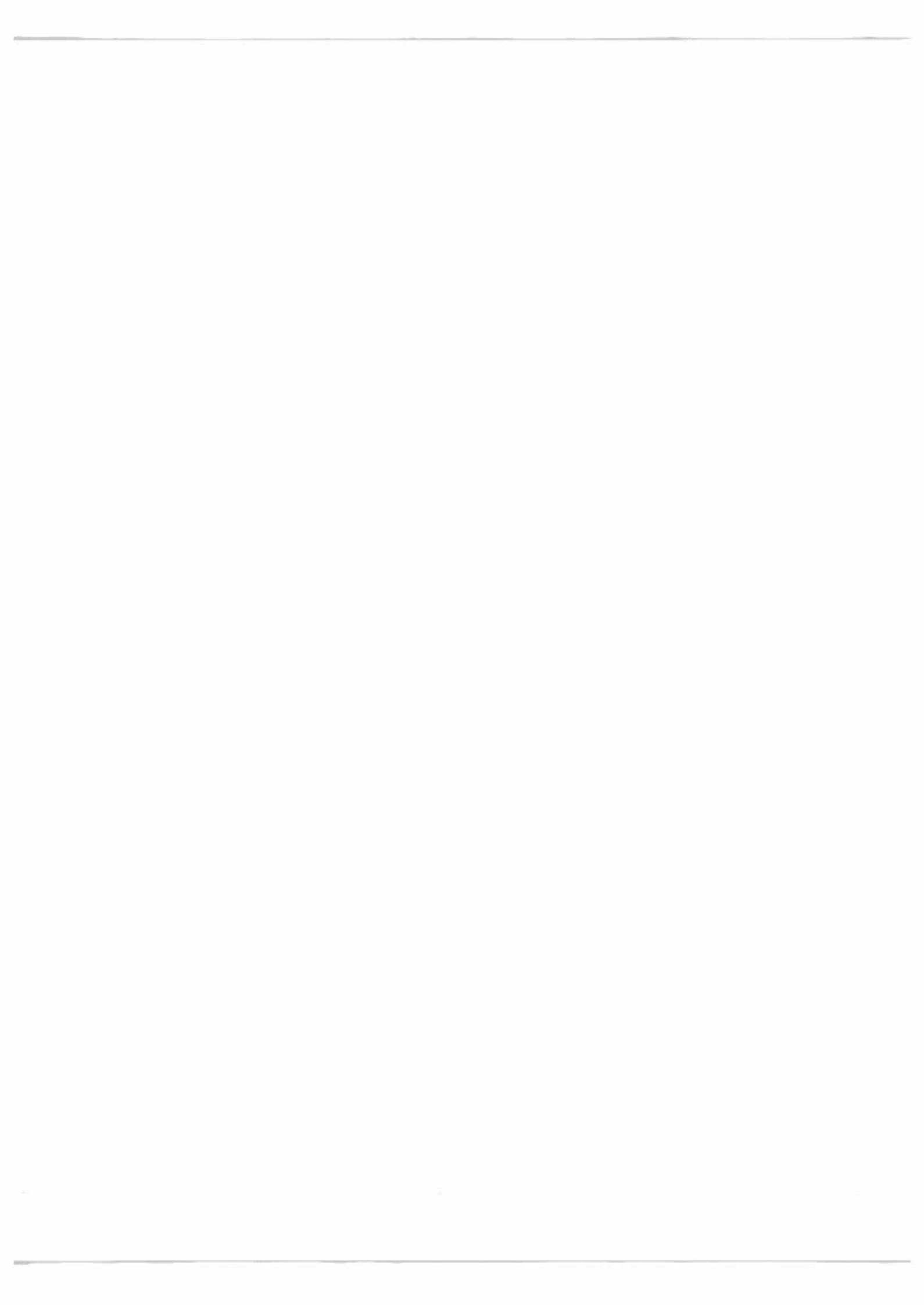


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161	Would love to see some pickle ball courts and other facilities that are designated just for these users. Ones we have are not being taken care of by the outside users and are also overrun by people who are just entertaining young kids. A combination with basketball courts is not a good idea.	4/17/2023 2:34 PM
162	Make sure any parking there is targeted for the park and not for the Strand.	4/17/2023 2:30 PM
163	Covered Picnic areas should be reserved at a cost.	4/17/2023 2:30 PM
164	I do not think the Sailfish Park needs any improvements - especially not bathrooms!	4/17/2023 2:26 PM





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**Holden Beach Sailfish Park Public Input session**

**6/16-17/23 Sailfish Park 4-6 pm**

- 1. We do not want to see major changes – Holden Beach attracts families because it is just sand and ocean – no honky tonk – no arcades – just peach and quiet. We prefer money spent on updating the sewer system and keeping the beach pristine. Stop trying to fix what isn't broken – including Sailfish**

**Sincerely, S. S\*\*\***

**No major changes wanted  
Keep family-friendly**

- 2. I live on Marlin Drive [resident] and take our boat out by Sailfish Park. There are issues with people fishing and swimming at the entry point to our set of canals. If the park's use increases, I am worried about the safety of our swimmers and fishing users. An injury due to a swimmer and boat colliding would be tragic.**

**Summary concern with hitting swimmers with their boat**

- 3. Concerned that any changes to the park will bring more people and children; with more children, they will be in the water and Sailfish Park is at an entrance to a set of canals. I feel that we may have issues with someone getting hit.**

**Concern with children being hit by [resident] boats**

- 4. We have owned our home on Holden Beach since May 1994. I purchased here because the island did not have restaurants, parks, etc., and did not mirror Ocean Isle Beach, Wrightsville Beach, etc. We have noticed over the years that the decision-makers on the beach have pushed to change the complexion of Holden Beach to mirror other beaches and not for the betterment of the permanent residents. We have used Sailfish Park as an area to relax, fish, and just chill out. (Any additions to the current layout will increase traffic on Sailfish and levy on the town budget and additional expenses which would strain our current budget. R. S\*\*\*\***

- 5. [resident] concern over traffic and budget strains for development.**

**6. Traffic.**

Leave as is.

**7. Leave as is**

**No Bathrooms**

**Who are these improvements for – not tax-paying owners**

**T\*\*\* – 1## Sailfish**

**[improvement will benefit non-taxpayers]**

**8. Resident Opposed**

- **Please leave the park as is**
  - **No bathrooms**
  - **A resident who pays taxes**
  - **High speeding and drug use now**
  - **Limited parking**
- A. B\*\*\* – 1## Sailfish**

**9. Traffic is horrible now.**

**We want it like it is now**

**W. and B. H\*\*\*\***

**10. I am not really opposed to any of the possible improvements. I know some of the residents are very opposed and that is fine. I want to support above all the kayak launch and an easy way to get from the water level to the level of the park.**

**11. Please leave Sailfish cul-de-sac as it is or discourage traffic.**

**Traffic is the issue.**

**Also, High Tide comes into the park = \$\$\$ to Rebuild [flooding]**

**11. No improvements or changes!**

**Leave the area as it is or remove the name/title of "park".  
The town's priorities need to be reassessed. Build a 2<sup>nd</sup> water tower!**

**12. No changes S. K\*\*\***

**13. No on park expansion J. D### 1## Marlin Dr.**

**14. Sailfish Drive is a residential street that needs to stay quiet and safe for everyone. There is too much catering to the day trippers and the residents. [improvement will benefit non-residents]**

**14. Leave the park as is.**

**This area floods.**

**15. Leave Sailfish alone!**

**16. Do not add anything! B. S\*\*\***

**17. Leave Sailfish Park as is – structures will destroy the natural beauty that everyone enjoys that comes here. P. S\*\*\*\***

**18. Do not develop further**

**19. Forced survey does not include an option to do nothing. \* The numbers from the board should not be used!! R. S\*\*\*\* 1## Sailfish.**

**20. \* As a homeowner near the park, WE do not think there needs to be any more traffic on this street. It is not safe for our children or children visiting. People block driveways.**

**\* There are other places on the island that have bathrooms, etc. During high tides, half of the park is underwater so there isn't room for buildings. I have pushed a wheelchair through the existing gate all the way to the sea wall with no problem. This is more like a neighborhood park than a destination**

**[Flooding concerns] [ADA improvements not needed]**

**21. I oppose any development of Sailfish Park**

**The Park should stay in its natural state.**

**There are facilities at Bridgeview Park if visitors need them.**

**There are many other parks throughout Brunswick that have facilities in Brunswick County.**

**The site is in the USACOE ROW.**

**The site meets all the needs of the recreation goals AS IS [leave it alone]**

**Given the fold situation, life cycle costs will be significant.**

**Traffic, noise, and drug use are already a problem. This project will increase use.**

**The residents [concerns] across from the park will have their quality of life negatively impacted.**

**There are no positives for the HB taxpayer with this project.**

**R. P\*\*\***

**22. Keep the beautiful park natural as it has been for many years.**

**Well used by many today!**

**Fishing, crabbing, kayaking, watching sunsets. Etc.**

- a. Will change park use!**
- b. Increased traffic**
- c. Type of park use**
- d. Number of people using [overuse concerns]**
- e. Poor use of tax money**
- f. High % of residents on the neighborhood streets strongly opposed development.**
- g. Impact boat traffic in canals**

**23. Leave Sailfish alone.com**

**Harbor Acres is a residential neighborhood that already has a traffic turnaround issue with SPEEDING**

**The installation of kayak and canoe launch at over canal access is dangerous. Boats come and go all day. This puts boater and kayakers at risk and maybe swimmers too.**

**Why don't you concentrate on the pier first, then Block Q**

**Residents purchased our lot and houses down on this end for peace and quiet!!**

**24. Sailfish Park is a nature park. Development is not needed. This is a peaceful place for people to enjoy as it is.**

**Boat traffic should be considered as well. Opening it up to more people who bring children who can get injured should be considered.**

**This is a residential neighborhood.**



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**Additional traffic will be a nightmare for all residents and those who enjoy the park!**

**25. Keep it the same!! 158 Sailfish H\*\*\* Family**

**26. Keep Sailfish Park undeveloped as is. A beautiful natural place/sanctuary still in the island.**

**Since 1990 1## Sailfish H\*\*\* Family**

**27. Opposed to any development!**

- **Cost**
- **Grant Related strings - Some grants are not worth the strings**
- **Traffic**
- **After-hours problems – vagrancy, noise, night pollution**
- **Parking infringement**
- **It is not broken here.**

**28. I absolutely want no more traffic on Sailfish.**

**Between the renters and the drivers-for-leisure the residents [concerns] have way more traffic than any other canal street.**

**If you can do something about the traffic, then I do like the sculpture, the wildlife walking, the game area.**

**I'd love to see a beautiful park, but am conflicted about people, drive so many cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc.**

**Thank you, HB resident**

**29. Consideration that this project is on a dead-end street in a residential [concerns] neighborhood.**

**We have no thru traffic access – only one way in and out**

**We have no sidewalks – All residents and renters must walk in the streets to go to the beach access or park**

**You are encouraging more traffic and pedestrians in the street**

**More speeding and multiple safety issues**

**Partiers and drinking – drugs after hours in our neighborhood**

**The people who live on this street want this park kept natural. [resident concerns]**

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**Holden Beach Sailfish Park Public Input session**

**6/17/23 Sailfish Bridgeview Park 3-5 pm**

**1. Sailfish Park should remain a small “Passive Park” as currently used. We are at capacity for use.**

**Sailfish is A neighborhood park with no connectivity to other streets or public areas. On a dead-end street [traffic]**

**Sailfish has NO BUFFER between the park and Neighborhood residences.**

**Property owners have to confront visitors who park or walk their dogs to poop on their property [resident concerns]**

**Must deal with noise, cars, trash, and speeding traffic on our street.**

**Sailfish Park should be a neighborhood park enjoyed by those who can walk or bike to our dead-end street. Not car-dependent.**

**It should not be promoted as an area of high use – adjacent to the protected marshlands.**

**It should be maintained as an open space with a preserved viewshed as it has been enjoyed for decades.**

**Sailfish Park used to be a delineation on the HB town maps as an area of “conservation” as most of the wetland areas on the marsh intercoastal waterway side have been designated.**

**Safety on our Residential streets is important for homeowners and visitors.**

**WE have no sidewalks on side streets in our community.**

**Citizens must WALK IN the street to access the Beach Stand and other areas.**

**Additional Traffic should not be promoted in these areas.**

**How many communities encourage pedestrians and car-based designations where all share the street for egress? Very irresponsible of our leadership to not take this into consideration**

**Our leadership and town Needs to promote the preservation and conservation of Sailfish Dr and other natural areas of beautiful natural habitat.**

**Sailfish Park is a unique green space area with shade and waterview on the island.**

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**Let people enjoy nature and the beauty of natural coastal habitats.**

**It is what makes our area unique and special.**

**More infrastructure on Sailfish makes no sense with the total flood inundation we have experienced these past few years with our entire street covered with water from the marsh across the road and across the canal.**

**Any infrastructure or plants will surely be damaged.**

**Please leave our Marshes natural so we can preserve these areas for future generations.**

**Sailfish Park and the Masterplan survey should have given direct notice via certified letter or email that our street neighborhood open space area was being redesigned for different uses than open space.**

**We are directly impacted by the traffic and impact of noise, trash, drugs, drinking, and undesired activities that occur in public areas.**

**A webpage or Facebook notice is not sufficient. All people who own property here receive a water /sewer bill – this is a sure way to provide notice of this sort of activity.**

**The focus groups included 58 people locals/visitors. How many residents were included in these focus groups.**

#### **Emails Received:**

In a word - NO.

- No to any further development of Sailfish Park other than \*maybe\* one or two more benches, and one or two more picnic tables. NOTHING more other than mandated ADA access.
  - The town has already spent TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND dollars on consultants. This is outrageous for such a small area with limited need or reason to expand or further develop the park.
  - There is roughly 15 parking spaces there currently, and the facility cannot reasonably host much more traffic or guests than it already does.
  - The park needs to remain as is so visitors can enjoy nature, and the quiet surroundings there.
  - Sailfish Drive is 100% a residential neighborhood - one of the longer streets on the island, with no sidewalks and the street abuts the marsh to the west and south. The park should remain as is.
  - The Town of Holden Beach should add MORE signage at the south end of Sailfish Drive noting the park is closed from Sunset to sunrise to discourage traffic in off hours when the park is closed.
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- As the street is relatively narrow, with no sidewalk, and abuts the marsh, both walkers and bike riders HAVE to use the roadway to traverse the street, and more traffic only endangers both walkers and bike riders.
  - The town should LOWER the speed limit from 25MPH to 20MPH ASAP.
  - The entirety of Sailfish Park is in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers easement. At any time, the Corps could require the Town to remove any or all structures located in their easement at the cost to the town.
  - The entire park has flooded at least 4-5 times since 2016 - Hurricane Matthew in 2016; Hurricane Florence in 2018; Hurricane Dorian in 2019; Hurricane Isaias in 2020; Hurricane Ian in 2023. ANYTHING placed in the park area will be flooded sooner rather than later with rising sea levels, and more powerful Atlantic storm systems. There is no way around this.
  - The park should remain or be returned to a conservation area. There does NOT HAVE to be a park there.
  - For any additional funds spent by the town on Sailfish Park, the Town should spend equal dollars on means to mitigate any negative effects of the park on property owners on Sailfish. This is only fair to the property owners of Sailfish.
  - The entirety of Harbor Acres where the park is located is a residential neighborhood. Additional traffic in the neighborhood only diminishes the enjoyment and peaceful quiet Holden Beach advertises and is known for. Additional development of Sailfish Park cannot possibly do anything but bring more traffic to the neighborhood, diminishing the quiet and peacefulness of the neighborhood. [resident concern]

Full-time island resident and property owner

Also attached are two pics of the park during flooding and a video

## Public Meeting Comment Card Feedback Analysis

What: Holden Beach Public Meeting to review Sailfish Park Design Concepts

Where: Holden Beach Town Hall

When: 1.12.2024

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Overall, the meeting was well attended with approximately 44 attendees signing in. Some visitors opted not to sign in, so the total participation was more than 44. Alternate design concepts were shared for proposed Sailfish Park improvements. A vocal group opposed to any development based much of their opposition on the concern that any property improvements would encourage day-trippers/beachgoers to make frequent trips on Sailfish Street (a dead-end street) to use proposed restrooms or available parking spaces. A less vocal group offered support for public access to this Town-owned park property but also, hoped the Town would be able to better enforce established parking rules to prevent visitors from blocking driveways. Nearly all participants agreed that the park should remain a passive park with a natural aesthetic.

The drop-in meeting provided participants with the opportunity to view the conceptual layouts and to raise questions and concerns about each. Discussions related to how to revise the layouts for a final concept also occurred. Comment cards were provided for participants to document much of their feedback. Many participants' opinions and ideas were relayed to meeting hosts via open discussions.

The summary interpretation below attempts to break the sentiments shared into three categories: in favor of development, not in favor of development, and unclear support for or against development. Additionally, a list of the most desired and least desired amenities has been considered based on comment card data and feedback from the open-ended discussions between meeting hosts and participants.

Approximately 38 participants provided comments via the cards.

- 18 participants oppose development
- 15 participants support development
- 5 participants with unclear support for or against any development

Analysis of the comment cards and the open discussion input revealed the following:

The amenities desired included: (2) Two accessible parking spaces, a sidewalk to access the bulkhead/water, an observation platform at the water, shade via trees, and a kayak launch.

The amenities that were not desired included: Restrooms and a playground

About half of the participants who engaged in open discussions supported the development of the shade sails.

Other desires included clear signage for park rules and better enforcement of inappropriately parked vehicles.