

# Appendix B – Summary of Public Input

## **Public Participation**

The Department of Natural Resources Parks & Recreation Division (DNR-PRD) emphasizes that comments on the general management plans are accepted at any time during the process. Two structured approaches to gathering public input are included in the general management plan process. The participation initiatives are summarized below, and the results are presented in this Appendix.

### **❑ August 15-16, 2011 Stakeholder Workshop**

The purpose of the workshop was to obtain comments on the draft General Management Plans for Waterloo Recreation Area. With assistance from the Planning Team, approximately 100 people and/or organizations were identified as stakeholders. Invitations to the Stakeholder Workshop were sent by email and via post. Approximately 60 people attended the workshop.

Stakeholders were invited to comment at the meeting. Stakeholders could also comment by completing a survey. The surveys were provided at the workshops to complete in person or submit by mail.

- ❑ October 13, 2011** A public input open house was held to allow the public the opportunity to express their comments about the park. The above noted people were again contacted regarding the public input workshops by mail and email. A notice was published in the local paper. Flyers were posted in the Eddy Center. Stakeholders and others were encouraged to share this information with interested members of the general public. Approximately 25 people attended.

There were two opportunities to provide comments:

- 1) Comment at one of the workshops
- 2) A hard-copy survey available at the workshops - for completion on site or submitted via mail

**Meeting Summary**  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

**General Management Plans – Stakeholder Meeting**

**DATE: August 15-16, 2011**

**TIME: 5:00 – 8:00 PM**

**PLACE: Eddy Discovery Center – Waterloo Recreation Area**

**Planning Team members and Stakeholders in attendance (Group Represented):**

(See sign in sheet that follows)

1. Introductions and Background  
All Team members and Stakeholders introduced themselves and identified the DNR Division, stakeholder group, or issue they represented.
2. Presentations:
  - Paul Curtis (PRD) - General Management Planning Process & Overview of Draft Plan process for Pinckney & Waterloo Recreation Areas
  - David Birchler (Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc.) - Overview of Draft Plan for Pinckney & Waterloo Recreation Areas
3. Questions & Answers/Comments Session  
The Planning Team members fielded questions and heard comments from the stakeholders present.
4. Open House / Stakeholder Survey Session
  - Open house format was explained, as well as resource maps and materials available for review
    - Progression of Management Zone Objectives
    - Aerial Photos
    - Recreational Resources Maps
    - Draft management Zones Maps
    - Detailed Description of Management Zones
    - Stakeholder Survey
  - Team members and Stakeholders engaged one another in discussions about each park's resources and its importance to the greater region
  - Stakeholders who did not return a completed survey promised to send them to Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc. via mail
5. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:00 PM after all Stakeholders had departed.

**Pinckney Recreation Area**  
Workshop Input Worksheet Results  
August 15-16, 2011

1. Do you agree with the above statements? Would you add anything to the above statements?
  - Yes, no.
  - Agree
  - To preserve, "RESTORE" and protect.
  
2. Do you agree with the above statements? What else makes Pinckney Recreation Area significant to you?
  - Yes, I live here. I have enjoyed the area for over 50 years.
  - Agree
  - Stewardship creates a sense of care and common ownership.
  
3. What natural resources are important?
  - Space to move around in. Woods. Clean water. Low pollution of soils. Wide varieties of plant life & animals. Native species.
  - All
  - Sensitive habitat especially wetlands
  
4. What cultural resources are important? **NO ANSWERS**
  
5. What are the education and interpretation opportunities?
  - Stewardship
  
6. What are the recreation opportunities?
  - As varied as one wishes to have.
  - 70 mile loop trail connecting with the lakelands.
  - Stewardship.
  
7. What should be the visitor experience?
  - What they expect to experience in an outdoor setting. An opportunity to learn from an outdoor experience.
  - Stewardship.
  
8. Are there any known user conflicts or issues?
  - Land – trails – hikers/horses/bicycles/birders. Lakes – fishing/kayaking/rec. bathing.
  - Yes, all users think they are the one true user.
  
9. What should be the identity of Pinckney Recreation Area?
  - Natural

10. Other Comments:

- Work on removing Autumn Olive – you introduced it.
- Better management of invasive weed species on land and in the lakes.
- Get rid of the Autumn Olive.

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**Additional comments from Aerial boards**

- Possible equestrian trail location for obstacle course? Looking for a spur trail.
- Open creek from Hell Creek Road to Little Portage Lake
- Hell Michigan should be included on all maps. Cultural and historical

**Sign In Sheet from DNR Stakeholders Workshop  
Pinckney Recreation Area | Waterloo Recreation Area  
August 15-16, 2011**

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**Meeting Summary**  
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**General Management Plans – Public Input Meeting**

**DATE: October 13, 2011**

**TIME: 4:00 – 8:00 PM**

**PLACE: Eddy Discovery Center – Waterloo Recreation Area**

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**AGENDA**

All Team members introduced themselves and identified the DNR Division they represented.

1. Presentations:

- Paul Curtis (PRD) - General Management Planning Process & Overview of Draft Plan process for Pinckney & Waterloo Recreation Areas
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2. Questions and Answers

3. Open House

- Participants were invited to visit each of the map stations and talk to Planning Team members
- Post-it notes were available to add any comments to the map
- Participants who did not return a completed survey promised to send them to Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc. via mail

No additional surveys were submitted at this time.