

Lower Boardman River Unified Plan

Analysis of Input from the Public Kick-off Meeting
(Held on June 12, 2019)

July 18, 2019

During the public workshop held on June 12, 2019 the public was asked to comment on a range of topics related to the Lower Boardman River. One of the common forms of input was to write comments on flip charts and sticky notes. Following the meeting all of the comments were documented. This summary attempts to group comments that have a common theme, and measure the number of times a comment consistent with that theme was provided by the community.

TOPICS	SUPPORTING COMMENTS						Specific Area of Focus Noted
	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26+	
PROJECTS							
Soften shore treatment/restore natural edge						26	200 block, reach 5, Hannah Park, pollinators
Fix/improve undermining of walls on river	5						green wall solutions?
Link to Downtown, TART, Bayfront	2						
Create additional/improve access and portage for kayaks			15				Union St, North side of dam
Add interpretive learning places and opportunities					21		evolution of human use, native encampment, river movements, education, council circle, mural
Improve bridges for aesthetics and access		9					Eighth, N. Cass
Add/improve access paths along and across river, promote universal access					23		Union St to Fish Pass, cross river at Hannah and Pine St, Hannah to Pine St., add rails at Uptown, Reach 2
Increase and Improve Open Space on river corridor				16			Pop-up parks on river adjacent parking lots, rotary park, expand Farmer's Market, make alleys into plazas
Remove/Limit parking from river banks		9					
Provide art installations	5						tribal focus, interpretive
Improve access for anglers	4						Reach 1
Concern over river use during FishPass construction	3						
Concern about FishPass working as intended, or being too urban		6					
Encourage native fish species/limit invasives; add aquatic habitat				16			e.g. brook trout, sturgeon
Maintain the shoreline, especially existing and proposed vegetation			13				Invasive management, education, trash, logs in river, leaf dumping by neighbors
POLICY							
Protect the Health of the river		9					Monitor water quality, provide education to boaters and anglers, control erosion
Manage use of river by boats/floating devices						38	Drinking, volume, behavior, hours, no wake, enforcement, limit boats/kayaks on river at one time, no whitewater
Limit new development				17			In some cases people noted no more boardwalks as well
Add development along river, especially in empty lots and parking areas	4						
Increase setbacks from river				16			for parking and buildings
Keep river corridor natural and passive				16			Hannah Park
Restore Ottaway as name of river			13				
Recognize, Respect, and Protect Native American heritage		9					Education
Prohibit additional shore hardening		6					
Include homeless population into process and policies		6					
BEST PRACTICES							
Understand climate change impacts/flooding and manage development accordingly	4						
Promote sustainable building practices	3						Septic fields, green building practices
Utilize storm water management practices	3						disconnecting storm and sanitary
Incorporate night sky practices/limit lighting	3						
Continue to engage the public		9					social media use, periodic town halls, TART, Native people, alerts before decisions

Other notes posted include:

- Manage delivery and service to businesses
- Concern about urban feel of FishPass
- Design for human use, not just otters
- Safety and security
- Provide space for children
- Move waste water treatment plant
- Manage deliveries and service to businesses
- Access for dogs
- Keep boardwalk out of river to improve maximize river use
- Waterfront could be more attractive
- No portage downstream from Union Street dam
- Casual concerts in the park, not full out concerts
- Whitewater park at Union dam
- More respect for those that work and live on river
- Need more space for cars
- All of Traverse City is not for guests
- Manage people going from public access onto private property
- Use zoning to ensure public access
- Ensure that investment of public money is a reasonable investment relative to the potential benefit