

MASTER PLAN SURVEY COMMENT SUMMARY 2023

340 Surveys returned /238 with comments (70%)

GOVERNING

Sewer & Septic	preventing growth in Alden, polluting lake
sewer service	11 comments (5%)
septic issues	8 comments (3%)
point of sale/routine inspection	8 comments (3%)

LAKE PROTECTION

storm sewer for road runoff	
maintain green areas	9 comments (4%)
protect/maintain lakes	18 comments (8%)
ban/regulate lakeside fertilizer use	8 comments (3%)
more restrictions on waterfront	2 comments (1%)
no fences by water	2 comments (1%)

IMPROVEMENTS

improve recycling area
improve Community Center
additional cooling of Community Center in summer
library improvements
remove yellow signs at Coy Mtn entrance

GENERAL AREA CONCERNS

work with volunteer and community groups
committee personnel holding positions too long 2 comments (1%)
unkind response from current administration when asked questions
maintain small town feel 5 comments (2%)
protect elections 2 comments (1%)
protect scenic views from utility towers and substations
better website /quarterly newsletter
ban leaf burning
outdoor concerts must be temporary
allow temporary food trucks
noise control
yearly junk pickup 3 comments (1%)
be forward looking 2 comments (1%)
lack of diversity
lack of concern for natural resources
lack of concern for private property 2 comments (1%)
noise from loud boats 6 comments (3%)
boats on sandbar
light & noise during summer 2 comments (1%)
too many boat rentals to untrained operators

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GENERAL COMMENTS

beautiful area
more gardens/trees
nice to see work in cemetery
thank you for allowing our voice 4 comments (2%)

TAXES

tax & regulate commerce
reduce taxes 3 comments (1%)
short-term rentals
enforce vacation rental rules 3 comments (1%)
license/regulate short-term rentals 10 comments (4%)

ZONING

enforce zoning 4 comments (2%)
protect farms
limit barns & storage buildings
more enforcement of junk storage
 visible from road 4 comments (2%)
address run down homes 2 comments (1%)

HARBOR

different boat launch area
no harbor expansion 3 comments (1%)
expand harbor/bigger launch/more docks 2 comments (1%)
relocate boat launch to Depot
more boat parking to bring tourists 2 comments (1%)
no overnight mooring
add marina/gas dock
allow residents to overnight boats on weekdays
boat trailer parking is a problem
boat slip rental near Alden
charge for launch 2 comments (1%)
invasive cleaning station (at all public accesses)
eliminate harbor

RECREATIONAL

more winter community activities
kayak launch at Depot
more lake access 6 comments (3%)
more bike trails 5 comments (2%)
more walking trails / improvements to existing 7 comments (3%)
more public land tracts
bike riding safety

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expand pickleball courts	5 comments (2%)
more recreational areas	
porta potties on access sites	2 comments (1%)
expand tennis court playground	
bike trail around lakes	
ORV trails	4 comments (2%)
more parades	
family activities	
more outdoor spaces	
dog park	

SCHOOLS

improve schools
no CRT in schools
consolidate schools

MARIJUANA

no marijuana businesses 2 comments (1%)

POLICE, FIRE, EMERGENCY SERVICES

speeding 18 comments (8%)
officer assigned to township 4 comments (2%)
regulate/enforce wake to protect shoreline 4 comments (2%)
more marine patrols 2 comments (1%)
ORV enforcement
too many police
more public transportation 2 comments (1%)

YOUTH & SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Senior/veteran assistance for housing, food, heating/cooling
young adult clubs
more young families
more organized youth activities
fitness center
senior health programs 2 comments (1%)
gym
social services available
weekly senior meals at CC or pavilion
more organized senior activities 2 comment (1%)
more organized youth activities 2 comment (1%)
medical services 7 comments (3%)
distance to medical help

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COMMERCE

Types of retail

a little more development	14 comments (6%)
stores open all year round	5 comments (2%)
commercial use on lakefront depends on use	
don't expand commercial area	2 comments (1%)
salons	3 comments (1%)
restaurants	23 comments (10%)
lakefront restaurant	
farmer's market	3 comments (1%)
brewery	
car wash	2 comments (1%)
book store	
garden supply store	
resale store	
pharmacy	6 comments (3%)
gas station	3 comments (1%)
vegan restaurant	
more food options	
no big box	
wineries	
grocery store	2 comments (1%)
boys' retail/fishing-hunting store/bait shop	5 comments (2%)

CONCERNS

buildings in need of repair	17 comments (7%)
safe pedestrian	
crossing	3 comments (1%)
slow, steady, regulated growth	
create historic district to protect character	2 comments (1%)
cluster/restrict to designated districts	6 comments (3%)
spruce up downtown	4 comments (2%)
some areas depressed	2 comments (1%)
more festivals at Depot	
stroll venues	
more bathrooms or porta potties	
more trash cans	
sidewalk repair/winter maintenance	3 comments (1%)
parking	9 comments (4%)
traffic	3 comments (1%)
internet access	4 comments (2%)

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maintain small town feel 4 comments (2%)
limit parking lot sizes

DEVELOPMENT IN AG DISTRICT

commercial use of agricultural depends on use
event barns in AG ok with 10 pm curfew/fines for trash and noise
high tech depending on physical development
light industry

ROADS

no salting
unpaved roads a major problem
lack of dust control on dirt roads
road construction
expand road shoulders 6 comments (3%)
blinking light at Crystal Beach and SETLD
better roads

BALL PARK USES

swimming 2 comments (1%)
golf chipping
picnic
fireworks 2 comments (1%)
dog exercise
convert to a family beach

HOUSING

more affordable 5 comments (2%)
more apartments 2 comments (1%)
cluster more
apartments to attract younger residents
modular homes
allow smaller homes
passive and energy efficient homes
barnominiums
more senior housing
no trailer parks
not tiny houses
no mobile homes