

# Appendix B – Public Input Summary

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Throughout the General Management Planning process, the Planning Team provided a variety of opportunities for public input and comments. These avenues included:

- **Public Input Survey** – an online survey developed to gather general information about park visitors (both day users and campers) and their use of the park as well as recommendations for improving features and amenities offered at the park. The survey was made available for an 8-week period.
- **Tippy Dam Recreation Area Website** – the public webpage included additional resources about the General Management Planning process, draft documents and contact information for additional comments.
- **Stakeholder Input Open House, September 16, 2013** – located at the US Forest Service Conifers Room in Wellston, Michigan, stakeholders had the opportunity to learn about the General Management Planning process and provide input regarding the Statements of Significance, Zoning Map and the Draft 10-Year Action Goals. Approximately 20 stakeholder organizations were invited to the open house: 7 stakeholders attended.
- **Public Input Meeting, February 10, 2014** – Held at Brethren High School Cafetorium from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Members of the public had the opportunity to learn about the General Management Planning process and provide input regarding the Statements of Significance, Zoning Map and the Draft 10-Year Action Goals. The open house was advertised through a DNR press release on the DNR's Facebook page. Approximately 12 members of the public attended.



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### DNR seeks public input on a new General Management Plan for Tippy Dam Recreation Area

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Agency: Natural Resources

May 6, 2013

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites the public to take part in an online survey to provide input on the General Management Plan for Tippy Dam Recreation Area in Manistee County.

Tippy Dam Recreation Area, located at the Consumers Energy Dam on the Manistee River, is managed by the DNR Parks and Recreation Division under a lease agreement. The recreation area offers excellent fishing opportunities and provides boating access to the Manistee River and the Tippy Dam pond. The site also has a rustic campground and cabin which are open year-round.

This General Management Plan will assist the Parks and Recreation Division in meeting its responsibilities to protect and preserve the site's natural and cultural resources, and provide a future management and planning strategy for the Tippy Dam Recreation Area. It will also provide access to land- and water-based public recreation and educational opportunities. Information on the DNR Parks and Recreation General Management Plan process can be found at [www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans](http://www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans).

"This is the first of several opportunities for citizens to take part in the planning process, which will include review of the draft plan and a public open house to be announced later in the year," said Debbie Jensen, Park Management Plan administrator.

The survey can be found online at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/TDRA\\_GMPSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TDRA_GMPSurvey), and will be available until July 14, 2013.

For more information about this survey or the proposed plan, contact Debbie Jensen at 517-335-4832 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired). For information about the Tippy Dam Recreation Area, visit [www.michigan.gov/tippydam](http://www.michigan.gov/tippydam).

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1. What are your main interests in the Tippy Dam Recreation Area?				
	Primary interest	Secondary interest	Lower priority interest	Rating Count
Fishing (non-boat)	<b>71.6% (174)</b>	22.2% (54)	6.2% (15)	243
Fishing (boat)	<b>44.7% (101)</b>	36.7% (83)	18.6% (42)	226
Recreational Boating	15.3% (29)	18.9% (36)	<b>65.8% (125)</b>	190
Camping	<b>50.7% (113)</b>	24.2% (54)	25.1% (56)	223
Hiking	32.7% (67)	25.9% (53)	<b>41.5% (85)</b>	205
Canoe/Kayaking	<b>38.8% (81)</b>	25.4% (53)	35.9% (75)	209
Scenery	<b>62.8% (137)</b>	22.9% (50)	14.2% (31)	218
Cross Country skiing	2.8% (5)	8.9% (16)	<b>88.3% (159)</b>	180
Education/Interpretation	13.0% (24)	26.5% (49)	<b>60.5% (112)</b>	185
Wildlife Observation	<b>47.8% (98)</b>	33.7% (69)	18.5% (38)	205
Hunting/Trapping	24.9% (47)	17.5% (33)	<b>57.7% (109)</b>	189
			Other (please specify)	6
<b>answered question</b>				<b>267</b>
<b>skipped question</b>				<b>1</b>

## 2. How often do you typically visit Tippy Dam Recreation Area?

		Response Percent	Response Count
More than 5 times a year		44.9%	120
3 to 5 times a year		31.1%	83
Twice a year		13.5%	36
Once a year		6.4%	17
Less than once a year		2.6%	7
Never Visited		1.5%	4
<b>answered question</b>			<b>267</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>1</b>

## 3. What time of year do you visit?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Spring (March-May)		73.3%	195
Summer (June-August)		59.0%	157
<b>Fall (September- November)</b>		<b>83.1%</b>	<b>221</b>
Winter (December-February)		35.0%	93
<b>answered question</b>			<b>266</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2</b>

#### 4. When visiting Tippy Dam Recreation Area, how long do you typically stay?

		Response Percent	Response Count
2 hours or less		5.6%	15
2 to 4 hours		19.2%	51
<b>4 to 8 hours</b>		<b>37.6%</b>	<b>100</b>
2 to 3 days		28.2%	75
4 to 5 days		6.0%	16
More than 5 days		3.4%	9
<b>answered question</b>			<b>266</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2</b>

#### 5. When visiting Tippy Dam Recreation Area what part of the waterbody are you most interested in?

	Primary	Secondary	Rating Count
Manistee River downstream of the dam	<b>84.4% (211)</b>	15.6% (39)	250
Tippy Dam Pond (above the dam)	43.8% (84)	<b>56.3% (108)</b>	192
Manistee River upstream of Tippy Dam pond	30.6% (53)	<b>69.4% (120)</b>	173
<b>answered question</b>			<b>266</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>2</b>

### 6. What do you think defines or is the identity of the Tippy Dam Recreation Area?

	Response Count
	181
answered question	181
skipped question	87

### 7. How would you rate the quality of the day-use facilities? (For example, parking, fishing access, boat launch, picnic facilities etc.)

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		19.4%	48
Very Good		47.0%	116
Good		26.3%	65
Average		6.5%	16
Poor		0.8%	2
	answered question		247
	skipped question		21

### 8. What improvements (if any) would you most like to see to day-use facilities?

	Response Count
	112
answered question	112
skipped question	156

### 9. How would you rate the quality of the camping facilities?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		9.1%	20
Very Good		32.7%	72
<b>Good</b>		<b>41.8%</b>	<b>92</b>
Average		15.9%	35
Poor		0.5%	1
<b>answered question</b>			<b>220</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>48</b>

### 10. What improvements (if any) would you most like to see to the camping facilities?

	Response Count
	86
<b>answered question</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>182</b>

**11. If you camp at Tippy Dam Recreation Area, what other recreation opportunities in the region do you visit?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Huron-Manistee National Forest		45.0%	90
Lake Michigan		44.5%	89
North Country Trail		28.5%	57
Manistee River Trail		40.5%	81
None - stay at Tippy Dam		24.0%	48
	Other (please specify)		16
<b>answered question</b>			<b>200</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>68</b>

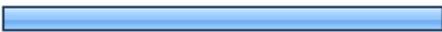
**12. Have you ever attended DNR programs or events at Tippy Dam Recreation Area? (For example, steelhead and salmon fishing clinics, swap meets)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		6.2%	15
No		93.8%	227
<b>answered question</b>			<b>242</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>26</b>

**13. If you answered "yes" to question 12 above, how would you rate the programs or events?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Excellent		35.3%	6
Very Good		35.3%	6
Good		17.6%	3
Average		5.9%	1
Poor		5.9%	1
<b>answered question</b>			<b>17</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>251</b>

**14. If you answered "no" to question 12 above, what is your reason for not attending?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Not aware of programs/events offered		76.6%	170
Not interested in programs/events offered		11.7%	26
Class was full		0.0%	0
Inconvenient time		3.2%	7
Too far to travel		17.1%	38
Other (please specify)		5.4%	12
<b>answered question</b>			<b>222</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>46</b>

**15. Are there other programs/events not currently offered at Tippy Dam that you would be interested in?**

	Response Count
	43
<b>answered question</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>225</b>

**16. How far do you travel to Tippy Dam Recreation Area?**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 25 miles		18.9%	47
25 - 50 miles		12.0%	30
50 - 100 miles		12.0%	30
<b>Over 100 miles</b>		<b>54.6%</b>	<b>136</b>
From out of State		2.4%	6
	<b>answered question</b>		<b>249</b>
	<b>skipped question</b>		<b>19</b>

### 17. What is your age?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18		0.0%	0
18 to 29		12.9%	32
30 to 39		21.4%	53
40 to 49		21.8%	54
50 to 59		22.6%	56
60+		21.4%	53
<b>answered question</b>			<b>248</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>20</b>

### 18. Are you male or female?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Male		84.2%	208
Female		15.8%	39
<b>answered question</b>			<b>247</b>
<b>skipped question</b>			<b>21</b>

### 19. Please provide any other comments or suggestions you may have regarding Tippy Dam Recreation Area?

	Response Count
	92
<b>answered question</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>176</b>

## **Tippy Dam General Management Plan Survey Summary of Responses**

### **What do you think defines or is the identity of the Tippy Dam Recreation Area? (179 responses)**

- Fishing (80)
- Secluded surroundings (27)
- Illegal fishing/riff-raff (18)
- Scenery and natural beauty (14)
- Water access/boat access (12)
- Rustic camping (11)
- The River (6)
- Hiking and hunting (5)
- The dam (4)
- Heart Attack/Cardiac Hill (4)
- Wildlife (2)
- Bats (1)
- History (1)

### **What improvements (if any) would you like to see to day-use facilities? (112 responses)**

- Cleaner bathrooms (15)
- No change (11)
- More parking (9)
- More fishing access (8)
- Boat ramp (8)
- More DNR enforcement ( 7)
- More garbage cans (7)
- Modern bathrooms (6)
- Improved backwaters boat launch (4)
- No fees (3)
- Fish cleaning station/running water (3)
- Warming house (2)
- Less DNR enforcement (1)
- More trails (1)
- Keep upper lot open in the winter (1)
- Modern campground (1)
- Suspension pedestrian bridge across the river (1)
- Education/Promotion of the park (1)
- Pay per use fishing drag (1)

### **What improvements would you most like to see to the camping facilities? (74 responses)**

- No change/rustic (17)
- Modern bathrooms (14)
- Modern campsites (9)
- Expand campground (8)
- Cleaner bathrooms (7)
- Move the dumpsters (4)
- More DNR enforcement (2)
- Running water (2)
- More water views (1)
- Group camping (1)
- More garbage cans (1)
- More grills (1)
- Mini-cabin (1)
- More accessibility for boat trailers (1)
- Pavement (1)
- Firewood for sale (1)
- Better lighting by the bathrooms (1)
- Camp store (1)

**Are there other programs/events not currently offered at Tippy Dam that you would be interested in?**

- Clean-up day/River Clean-up (6)
- General programming (4)
- Wilderness survival clinic (2)
- Fish Policy Education (2)
- Dam Education (2)
- Duck/grouse hunting (1)
- Steelhead tournament (1)
- Women's activities (1)
- Fly fishing (1)
- Rod-building class (1)
- Teaching Kids how to fish (1)
- Bat tours (1)
- Kayaking class (1)
- Wildlife Education (1)

**Please provide any other comments of suggestions you may have regarding Tippy Dam Recreation Area? (89 responses)**

- Keep up the good work (27)
- More DNR enforcement of illegal fishing/alcohol use/litter (14)
- Keep it secluded (4)
- Expand campground (2)
- Add fish cleaning station (2)
- Post no wake areas for boaters (2)
- More garbage cans (2)
- Warming hut/year round facilities (2)
- Plow the roads/pathways in the winter (2)
- Remove the dam (1)
- Preserve rustic camping (1)
- Pike and walleye in the pond (1)
- Change the name (1)
- Add power to the campground (1)
- Clean the bathrooms (1)
- Lower the cabin fee (1)
- Allow snowmobile and ORV access (1)
- Add handicapped fishing docks (1)
- Suspension Bridge over river (1)
- Accessible fishing docks (1)
- Better ventilation in restrooms (1)
- Boat Launch ownership is confusing downstream (1)

**Additional Notes:**

- 4 comments were made about repairing the stairway and boardwalks on the south side of the river.



The Parks & Recreation Division of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the process of developing a General Management Plan for Tippy Dam Recreation Area in Manistee County. The DNR uses General Management Plans to define a long-range planning and management strategy that protects the resources of the site while addressing recreation needs and opportunities. This site is managed by the DNR's Park and Recreation Division under a lease agreement with Consumers Energy.

You and/or your group have been identified as a stakeholder with active interests in Tippy Dam Recreation Area. Using an open house format, the DNR will share its initial thoughts on the Draft General Management Plan and welcomes your input.

**Meeting Date: Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Location: USFS Conifers Room, 1170 Nursery Rd, Bldg 51109, Wellston, Mi 49689**

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For more information about this meeting or to RSVP please contact Debbie Jensen, DNR Park Management Plan Administrator, at 517-335-4832. We request that each stakeholder group limit itself to not more than 3 representatives so that we may accommodate everyone based on meeting space and time constraints.

**Tippy Dam Recreation Area  
Stakeholder Workshop**

Monday, September 16, 2013

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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**AGENDA**

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1. Introductions
  
2. Brief Presentation of General Management Plan
  - o Plan Process
  - o Overview of Draft Plan
  
3. Questions and Answers
  
4. Open House
  - o You are invited to visit each of the map stations and talk to Planning Team members
  - o Post-it notes are available for you to add any comments you may have to the Draft Management Zone maps and/or Statements of Significance
  - o Sticky dots will be provided to prioritize the draft action items
  - o Complete the comment sheet to provide additional information
  
5. Group Discussion
  - o Share your ideas with the planning team and other stakeholders

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## **Tippy Dam Recreation Area Stakeholder Workshop Comments**

1. Park Significance statements
  - **No Comments received**
  
2. Draft Management zones
  - **Add a scenic overlay to the Developed Recreation Area along the river's edge similar to the hatch above the dam.**
  
3. Additional action items
  - **Allow a walkway across the dam (2 comments)**
  - **Bat area further developed for education and tours**
  - **Connect park to North Country Trail via existing pathways to Sawdust Hole on USFS land.**
  - **More cabins and restrooms in cabins**
  - **Accessible overlooks**
  
4. Are there any proposed actions you don't think should be included? If so, please explain.
  - **No Boat wash. Not the place for it given the limited no. of boats.**
  
5. Other Comments:
  - **Need more waste cans**
  - **Add 2 boardwalks and repair walkways along river bank**
  - **Repair steps going down to the river (2 locations)**
  - **Add used fishing line receptacles (plastic pipe like in Florida State Parks)**
  - **Add more regulation signage between the lower boat launch and the dam spillway and at the north end of the property on the riverbank**

Stakeholders were asked to put green dots on action items they strongly agree with and red dots on the ones they do not agree with. Refer to outcome below:

Draft Action Goal	Target Date	Stakeholder Input
<b>Natural Resources</b>		
Create a Stewardship Plan	1 year	
Implement Stewardship plan	on-going	
Implement water based invasive species control (inc. sea lamprey, zebra mussel)	on-going	1
Implement land based invasive species control	on-going	1
Follow lease restrictions in regards to tree removal	on-going	
Continue to address erosion along the river bank	on-going	1
<b>Historic/Cultural Resources</b>		
Complete a cultural resources survey for interpretation, protection & preservation	5 years	
Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	on-going	
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
Identify opportunities to improve connectivity beyond the park boundaries	2 years	1
Identify opportunities to support floating activities (water trails)	2 years	1
Balance users to accommodate the best uses of the site	on-going	
Identify and evaluate ecotourism opportunities	On-going	1
<b>Education/Interpretation Opportunities</b>		
Develop specific interpretation and education opportunities	On-going	1
Develop & install kiosks & displays appropriate to the zone, & incorporate new technology for interpretation	5 years	
Develop education material to discourage illegal fishing activities	1 year	

Continue to provide recreation programs and events that promote angler recruitment and retention	on-going	1
<b>Management Focus</b>		
Enter into new lease agreement with Consumers Energy with a longer term lease instead of a year to year extension. (in effect after 2015)	2 years	
Continue to work with Consumers Energy to ensure management and site development is consistent with agreement and FERC regulations	on-going	
Review and update Wildfire and Emergency Plan	Annually	
Explore and develop revenue generating opportunities that are sustainable	on-going	
Promote volunteer partnerships to meet resource goals	on-going	
Work in cooperation with Marketing & Outreach to develop specific marketing goals	on-going	
Continue to address user conflicts and illegal activity	on-going	1
<b>Development</b>		
Identify, evaluate and implement opportunities for alternative overnight accommodation	on-going	
Identify suitable locations for development of scenic overlooks on the dam pond and river	2 years	
Separate campground road and county road and relocate contact station to improve campground security	5 years	
Evaluate the needs and feasibility of expanding the campground	5 years	
Continue to pursue the installation of a boat wash in partnership with USFWS	On-going	1, 1
Develop modern restrooms in the campground (seasonal)	5-10 years	
Identify the need for additional lighting in the day-use area for safety and security	2 years	
Improve and expand fish cleaning station	5-10 years	

**Please see Appendix C: Planning Team Meeting Summary for the Planning Team's comments on stakeholder input.**

**TIPPY DAM GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN  
STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP September 16, 2013 – Sign in Sheet**

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## Press Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## **Tippy Dam Recreation Area Public Input Open House Comments**

Monday, February 10, 2014, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Brethren High School

### **General Discussion**

- **Can we lower the water level to clean up down river?**  
Answer from Consumers Energy – Consumers operates under a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee which dictates how the dam is operated. Tippy Dam is operated at the run of the river flow.
- **More educational resources to bring kids to the dam. Very few children know about the dam or its unique features. (High School Principal)**
- **How did the bubbler system perform?**  
Answer from DNR Fisheries Division –The DNR is seeing positive results of the system cooling the river in the summer and it is meeting expectations.

### **Written Comments**

1. Park Significance Statements
  - **Manistee River has a remnant stock of Lake Sturgeon, which is significant to the area**
2. Draft Management Zones
  - **Consider expanding the Developed Recreation zone east and south to the boundary of the Federal land to allow for campground expansion and trail linkage.**
3. Additional Action Items
  - **Control poison ivy on rocks beside river (and at Sawdust Hole)**
  - **Make local referrals when campsite is full (R & J Resort)**
  - **Native species work**
  - **Would like to see handicap parking at boat ramp above the dam**
  - **Relocate River Road along northern boundary**
4. Are there any proposed actions you don't think should be included?
  - **No comments**
5. Other Comments
  - **Keep campground rustic but with updated facilities – bathrooms/water**

Attendees were asked to put green dots on action items they strongly agree with.

Draft Action Goal	Target Date	Public Input Results
<b>Natural Resources</b>		
Create a Stewardship Plan	1 year	
Implement Stewardship plan	on-going	1
Implement water based invasive species control (inc. sea lamprey, zebra mussel)	on-going	4
Implement land based invasive species control	on-going	6
Follow lease restrictions in regards to tree removal	on-going	
Continue to address erosion along the river bank	on-going	4
<b>Historic/Cultural Resources</b>		
Complete a cultural resources survey for interpretation, protection & preservation	5 years	
Review all proposed earthwork activities for potential impact on historic/cultural resources	on-going	
<b>Recreation Opportunities</b>		
Identify opportunities to improve connectivity beyond the park boundaries	2 years	1
Identify opportunities to support floating activities (water trails)	2 years	
Balance users to accommodate the best uses of the site	on-going	
Identify and evaluate ecotourism opportunities	On-going	1
<b>Education/Interpretation Opportunities</b>		
Develop specific interpretation and education opportunities	On-going	2
Develop & install kiosks & displays appropriate to the zone, & incorporate new technology for interpretation	5 years	1
Develop education material to discourage illegal fishing activities	1 year	5
Continue to provide recreation programs and events that promote angler recruitment and retention	on-going	3

<b>Management Focus</b>		
Enter into new lease agreement with Consumers Energy with a longer term lease instead of a year to year extension. (in effect after 2015)	2 years	1
Continue to work with Consumers Energy to ensure management and site development is consistent with agreement and FERC regulations	on-going	
Review and update Wildfire and Emergency Plan	Annually	1
Explore and develop revenue generating opportunities that are sustainable	on-going	
Promote volunteer partnerships to meet resource goals	on-going	4
Work in cooperation with Marketing & Outreach to develop specific marketing goals	on-going	
Continue to address user conflicts and illegal activity	on-going	5
<b>Development</b>		
Identify, evaluate and implement opportunities for alternative overnight accommodation	on-going	2
Identify suitable locations for development of scenic overlooks on the dam pond and river	2 years	1
Separate campground road and county road and relocate contact station to improve campground security	5 years	2
Evaluate the needs and feasibility of expanding the campground	5 years	1
Continue to pursue the installation of a boatwash in partnership with USFWS (portable / seasonal)	On-going	1
Develop modern restrooms in the campground (seasonal)	5-10 years	15
Identify the need for additional lighting in the day-use area for safety and security	2 years	3
Improve and expand fish cleaning station	5-10 years	2

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PUBLIC INPUT OPEN HOUSE February 10, 2014

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