Three Mile Trail Extension
Summary Report Survey (Part 1)



## 3 Mile Trail Extension Survey Summary

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#### Introduction

TART Trails in partnership with East Bay Township, Norte, and the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, are facilitating a community engagement process to inform the development of a nonmotorized trail connection along 3 Mile Road, called the "3 Mile Trail Extension".

To gather high-level community feedback regarding desired trail experience, use, connectivity, and amenities, the project partners hosted an outdoor open house event on October 22, 2020 at the Grand Traverse Academy in East Bay Township and simultaneously distributed an online survey with the same questions posted at the open house event. This report provides a summary of survey responses.

### Survey Vital Stats

- 125 survey responses
- Ave. time to complete the survey was 5m20s
- The survey was open from October 20-November 1

Q1: What three things are you most excited about related to the proposed Three Mile Trail?

There were 113 unique responses to this question, and 12 respondents skipped it. This word cloud is a visual representation of the unique responses provided by survey responses. Below, we have included a few direct quotes – representative of key themes shared in Q1:

nature preserve Three Mile Accessibility via walk bay safe way people Will expanded opportunities explore new downtown riding TART able route

Connecting tart trail ride near area nature access Hammond

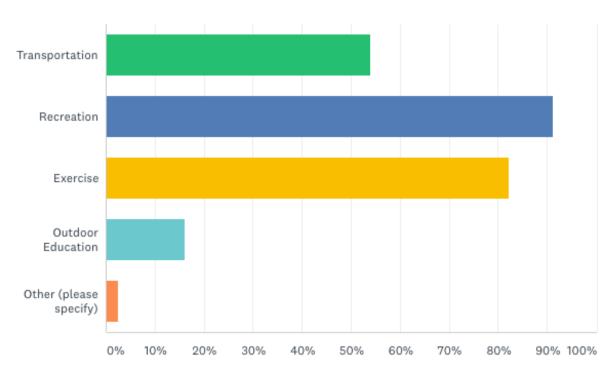
bike strail Easier school safely safe walking biking kids

East Bay Township road along connectivity commute town ability

Connection path Mile transportation safety going Increased run way south
Good East Bay routes Connector

- "Non-motorized option for accessing the schools and businesses on Hammond, opportunity for kids to ride their bikes to school, opportunity connection to Mitchell Creek preserve"
- "A safer way to get to town by bicycle. More people and kids moving around on bicycles.
   Contribute to a cleaner and healthier environment"
- "More trail to ride near my house. Having a trail that leads to places I frequent. Having a trail that kids can use to get to school."

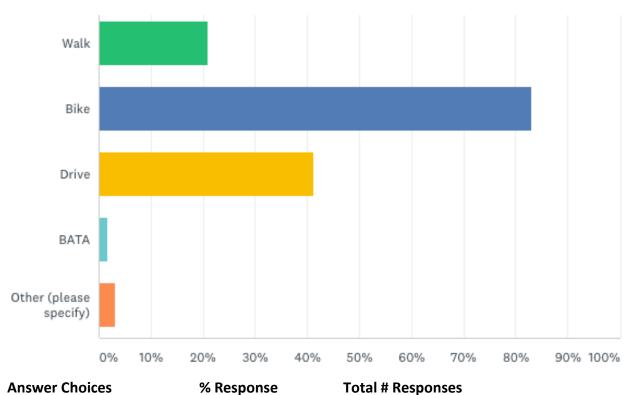
### Q2: How do you intend to use the 3 Mile Trail?



Answer Choices	% Response	Total # Responses
Transportation	54%	67
Recreation	91%	113
Exercise	82%	102
Outdoor Education	16%	20
Other*	2%	3

<sup>\*</sup>Each of the three write-ins were transportation-related.

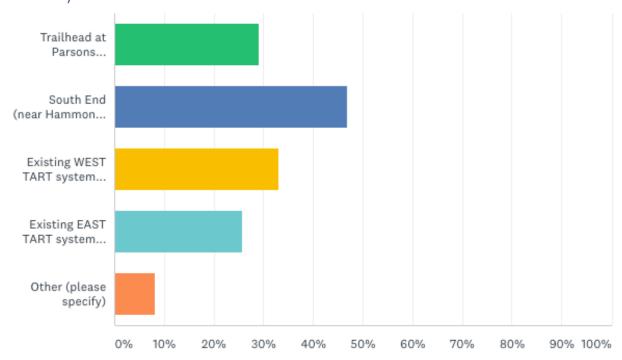
# Q3: How will you get to the Three Mile Trail from your place of origin (home, school, job, etc.)? (select up to 3 choices)



Answer Choices	% Response	Tota
Walk	21%	26
Bike	83%	103
Drive	41%	51
BATA	2%	2
Other*	3%	3%

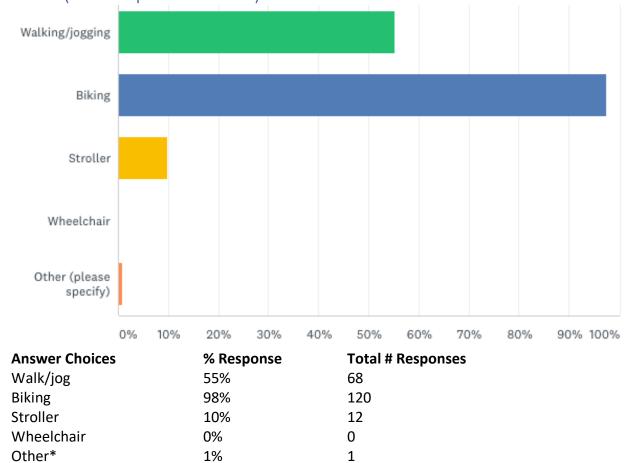
<sup>\*</sup>All four write-in responses were "run."

Q4: Where are you likely to access the 3 Mile Trail? (select up to 3 choices)



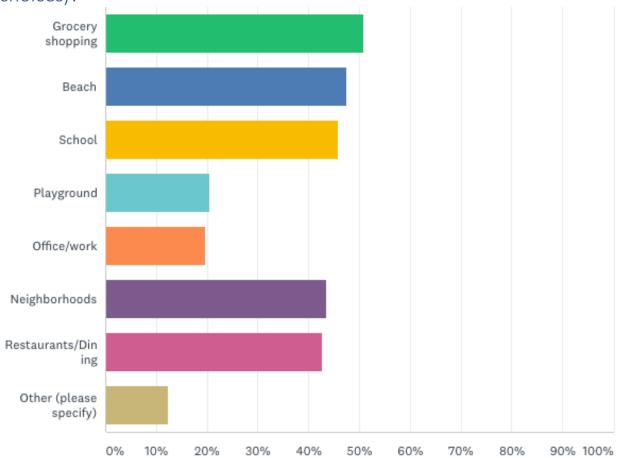
Answer Choices	% Response	Total # Responses
Trailhead at Parsons Ave/		
Three Mile Road	29%	36
South End	47%	58
Existing West TART System	33%	41
Existing East TART System	26%	32
Other*	8%	10

Q5: What mode of transportation do you plan to use on the Three Mile Trail? (select up to 3 choices)



<sup>\*</sup>Skating was the lone write-in.

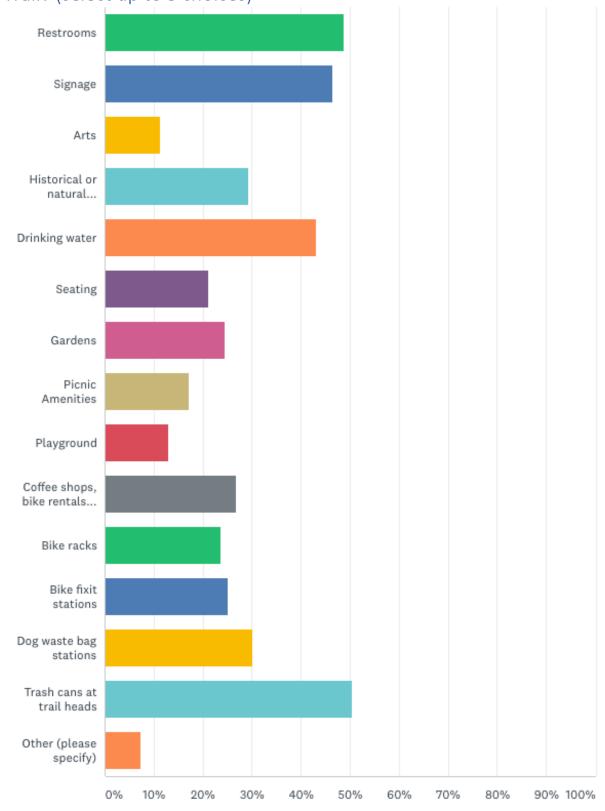
Q6: Where should the Three Mile Trail connect you to (select up to 3 choices)?



Answer Choices	% Response	Total # Responses
Grocery shopping	51%	62
Beach	48%	58
School	46%	56
Playground	20%	25
Office/work	20%	24
Neighborhoods	43%	53
Restaurants/dining	43%	52
Other*	12%	15

<sup>\*</sup>More trails, library and GTRLC property were repeat write-in responses.

Q7: What amenities do you want to experience along the Three Mile Trail? (select up to 3 choices)



Answer Choices	% Response	Total # Responses
Restrooms	49%	60
Signage	46%	57
Arts	11%	14
Historical or natural		
Interpretive Signage	29%	36
Drinking Water	43%	53
Seating	21%	26
Gardens	24%	30
Picnic Amenities	17%	21
Playground	13%	16
Coffee shops, bike rentals,		
other commercial	27%	33
Bike racks	24%	29
Bike fixit stations	25%	31
Dog waste bags	30%	37
Trash cans at trailheads	50%	62
Other*	7%	9

<sup>\*</sup>write-ins focused on ensuring that restrooms were clean and that trails are paved/durable.

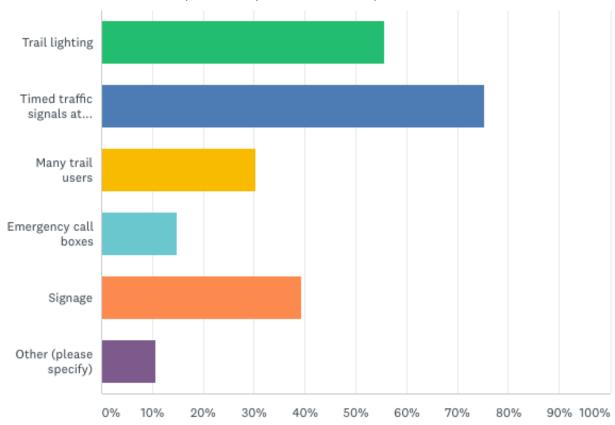
## Q8: What other non-motorized connections would you like to see in the study area and surrounding area?

There were 77 unique responses to this question. 48 people skipped it. Below, we included a few samples of common themes in write-in responses.

# will Lake neighborhoods think Rd Hammond Three Mile Sure crossing sidewalks trailhead Hammond along mile nice trail see road south connection shoulder access connecting parking safe along hammond safe crossing side vasa bike

- "Connections to all relevant origins and destinations along the trail route. Connection is key!
- "A trail connecting 5 mile, 4 mile and 3 mile along Hammond road."
- "More trails & safe crossings"

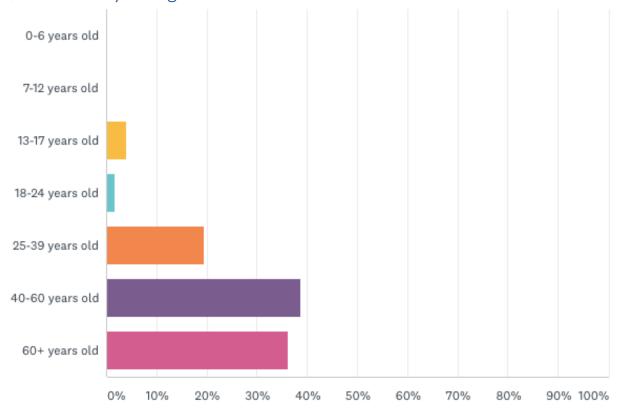
Q9: What design features will make you feel most safe while accessing the Three Mile Trail? (select up to 3 choices)



<b>Answer Choices</b>	% Response	Total # Responses
Trail lighting	56%	60
Timed traffic signals		
at major road crossings	75%	92
Many trail users	30%	37
Emergency call boxes	15%	18
Signage	39%	48
Other*	11%	13

<sup>\*</sup>All write-ins expressed concern with adjacent road speed and crossings. Several people expressed interest in a tunnel under Hammond.

### Q10: What is your age?



- 13-17; 5 respondents
- 18-24; 2
- 25-39; 24
- 40-60; 48
- 60+; 45

## Q11: How many children under 18 years old are in your household?

- 0 (81 votes)
- 2 (20 votes)

- 1 (19 votes)
- 3+ (4 votes)

### Q12: What is your zip code?

- 49684 11
- 49686 59
- 49685 4
- 49690 3
- 49649 2

- 49696 41
- 49664 -1
- 49650 1
- 49601 -1

# Q13: Are you a full-time resident, seasonal resident, or regular visitor of this area?

- Full-time resident (118 votes)
- Seasonal resident (4 votes)
- Regular visitor (2 votes)