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**West Boardman Lake Trail Preferred Option Available for Public Viewing
*Meeting Participants Satisfied with Trail Design, Project Moves Forward***

Traverse City, Michigan – Approximately 70 members of the public participated in a public input session on Thursday, May 19th to review the “preferred option” for the West Boardman Lake design presented by Prein & Newhof, the firm hired to create the preliminary design. 95 % of participants in the meeting reported on comments cards feeling “very satisfied” or “satisfied” with the design.

The “preferred option” presented at the open house was informed by extensive public input comprised of interviews, focus groups, a public open house, and an on-line public comment period earlier in the year.

The design team will now work on a final draft to be presented to the Traverse City Commission and Garfield Township Board of Trustees later in the summer. Scenarios for trail development, funding, and maintenance will accompany the final preliminary design concept.

Anyone with questions about the process or event can contact TART Trails’ office for information at [\(231\) 941-4300](tel:231-941-4300) or stay tuned on the project website: <http://traversetrails.org/boardman-lake-trail-project/>.

Copies of the overall map and detailed segment maps presented at the meeting are can be viewed on the website and are also available for review at the City’s Planning Department in the Government Center, and at the Garfield Township Hall. Maps showing the overall design will also be displayed at Oryana, Right Brain Brewery, and the Traverse City Area Public Library.

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