

APPENDIX B

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

PROGRAM RESULTS

FOR THE ROCKPORT PROPERTY

Public Participation

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division (DNR-PRD) emphasized that comments on the general management plans would be accepted at any time during the process. The formal public participation program included an extensive public participation component in the general management plan process. The participation initiatives are summarized below, and the results for all three sites (Negwegon, the Rockport Property and Thompson's Harbor) presented in this Appendix.

- † October 29, 2007 Stakeholder Workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to obtain comments on the draft General Management Plans for Negwegon State Park, the Rockport Property, and Thompson's Harbor State Park. With assistance from the Planning Team, approximately 212 people and organizations were identified as stakeholders. Invitations to the Stakeholder Workshop were sent by email (2), mail (207) and phone (3). Forty people attended the workshop. The sign-in sheet is included in this Appendix.

Stakeholders were invited to comment at the meeting. Stakeholders could also comment by completing a survey. The survey was mailed to each stakeholder, and was also available at the workshop and available on-line. Surveys could be completed before or after the workshop.

- † December 11, 2007 Public Input workshop. The DNR-PRD conducted two Public Input Workshops on December 11, 2007. The purpose of the workshop was to obtain comments on the draft General Management Plans for Negwegon State Park, the Rockport Property, and Thompson's Harbor State Park. The workshops were published in the local newspapers. Fifty-three attendants signed-in at the 3:00 pm session. Nineteen attendants signed in at the 5:00 pm session.

There were three opportunities to provide comments:

- 1) Comment at the workshop.
- 2) A hard-copy survey available at the workshop and on-line.
- 3) An on-line survey.

Results from the October 29, 2007 Stakeholder Workshop

Negwegon

- † If camping is allowed in Negwegon, concern that campers would simply disembark at the parking lot, and move camping gear to beach.
- † Backcountry Zone should follow both sides of pathways.
- † Duck hunters would like parking lot closer to South Point (easier access for transporting decoys and equipment). The DNR responded that there are some Native American sites on ridges that must be considered.

Rockport

- † Survey question 7 response (Are there any known user conflicts or issues?): Funding for improvements to Rockport Road must also be provided to ensure the safety of the motoring public visiting the development. Middle Island was once a lifeboat station.
- † Enhance the access road. Rockport Road is not adequate to carry increased traffic to the park.
- † The quarry provided worker housing on-site.

Thompson's Harbor

- † Survey Question 1 response (Do you agree with the statements of purpose? Anything to add?): Yes
- † Survey Question 2 response (Do you agree with the statements of significance?): Shipwreck. Would like to see good access where one could hand launch a boat – kayak or zodiac – need shore access for carrying dive gear.

Other comments for Thompson's Harbor:

- † The first two miles (to the outlet) of Old State Road / off US-23 need to be marked as a SCENIC AREA for wildflowers. That is already accessible to all visitors.
- † Grand Lake Outlet "fence" that obstructs kayakers was installed by the DNR with a trail grant. The fence is not popular with thoughtful park users.
- † Old State Road should be marked at both ends as a park entrance.

Sign-in Sheet

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John Whatcott	
Ron Young	Alcona County Road Commission

Results from the December 11, 2007 Public Input Workshop

A. Comments at the workshop

- † Concerns regarding the quarry.
 - ✍ The plan references fossils only. Fossils may be found on the beach (near the sand boils or by the bluffs).
 - ✍ People should be able to find and collect fossils.
 - ✍ There should be a way to assemble collections so fossils can be viewed by the public.
 - ✍ In all parks, exposed lake shore is good place to find fossils.
 - ✍ The quarry great from educational standpoint.
 - ? It is the only place where rock formation is fully exposed.
 - ? An info kiosk at Rockport should identify it as one of the best places in the world view this type of rock formation.
- † Audubon society view trapping as a conflict with cross-country skiing, bird counting, and similar activities.
- † There needs to be entrance signs at Thompson's Harbor (two roadside signs and two entry signs).
- † Consider the costs and benefits of: Identifying Native American artifacts: will they be ruined?; and allowing equestrian use (seeds in waste).
- † Why do we want to allow equestrian use?
- † Having hunted in Rockport and Thompson's Harbor, there are already many trails, it seems as if the plans stick snowmobile on powerline routes only.
- † Don't restrict current users.
- † Would like to see things left as they are. I don't want to damage anything though.
- † What's the motivation for the plans - Financial? Preservation?
- † Most locals use the parks and the plans restrict locals a lot.
- † We have camping, etc. If we start developing these jewels, what's going to happen?
- † What are the allowed uses now? Is there overuse? Are we just planning stewardship? (Facilitator response: yes)
- † ATV's ruin dunes not equestrians.
- † If there are trails, make them where they are compatible for equestrian use. There is no proof that horses cause damage.
- † In the late 1980's, Thompson's Harbor was financially self-sufficient from a management standpoint. Nothing has happened. Concerned that park is used less after this process than when it was in private ownership.
- † If land must sustain itself financially, hard to believe it will.
- † Each park is unique, each has unifying traits.
- † Education means to make park available to the public and protect the resources. Will you help us form groups and tell us what we need to do? What are we supposed to do now? Response: start a "Friends" Group. Use "Friends of the Library" as a model. At the next CAC meeting, this will be discussed. Also, there is a DNR List serve.

- † Are you looking at what does or doesn't work right now? Note that activities you can't do other places, you can do here.
- † The DNR is not planning on selling these sites right? (Response: not to our knowledge. More likely that land will be added to the sites.)
- † Tawas Pointe has birding. People want to visit Newegon in particular for birding, especially during migration.
- † Regarding park management, have difficulties / benefits with management been identified? Is there a way to do partial regionalization? Will there be staff at each park?
- † Rockport Road is hazardous road to travel. Work with local agency long-range planning to do something about this.
- † Concerned with privacy for homeowner on the Lake. Protect our privacy.
- † When DNR moves into Phase 2 & 3, do you still consult the public?
- † Now we have to pay \$24/ year to get into and out of the Rockport Property. For years, we did not have to pay.
- † Fees. Paying \$3 per day at Negwegon is undesirable, a sign should be posted to encourage \$24 / annual fee. (Response: there is such as sign).
- † Don't give discounts to seniors (comment from a senior citizen).
- † Develop in ways that are educational. These sites are a tremendous benefit for younger people, so build appreciation for the resource that they can pass along to their children.
- † Concerned for forest management. Do not allow what happened at Thompson's Harbor to happen at Rockport.
- † Comment to younger people: what you have is really unique; a heritage to hold on to.
- † Is there still a trust fund?
- † Regional perspective: There is a proposal to expand the National Marine Sanctuary, so there could be unified management on front side of sites. Good sense would deem unified management on land side.
- † There are no conflict with kid usage at the sites. They like to hang out at Negwegon.
- † What is the significance of cultural resource overlay?
- † With present climate, (i.e. DNR closing parks), why have Developed Recreation zones? Why not leave these areas as Primitive?
- † In Thompson's Harbor, access road is blocked off, you can't get through. There is a similar situation at Rockport where the gates limit access.
- † How will we know when next planning phase start?
- † For Negwegon, will you allow camping in Negwegon? Will the access road be open during the winter?
- † More camping should be allowed. What is allowed in terms of primitive camping?
- † Snowmobiling is allowed only in a single line. A loop around the parks would be nice? We would like to view the beach or something more scenic to facilitate a pleasure ride.
- † Rockport: Now that state owns, access is cut off.

- † Why develop every piece of land? I don't want it all accessible. I don't want to see people when go to sinkholes. We pick up more trash from others. Open these areas and they will be destroyed because people cannot handle responsibility. Geocaching is awesome here, you don't see another soul.
- † When do users and conflicts get addressed? Phase 2? If so, then Phase 2 should also have opportunities for public comment.
- † There are many uses in Thompson's Harbor right now, and they all get along. Fear that if managed, user groups may lose out on their use.
- † What phase are the "economics" considered? These sites are not paying their own way right now. Be up front with public. How much this will cost? It won't be free.
- † This is a long-term planning process, but what do we do in short-term? ATV's are tearing up Negwegon. (DNR response: Call us when you see it – that's why you see berms, etc. Need public's support (peer policing) on regulating ORV's.)
- † Recreation opportunities that are low intensity, how are they determined?
- † Biking should be low intensity not lumped with horses.
- † Trails by the wetlands could be used, mountain bikes will not hurt them.
- † A dive platform is needed at Rockport, and a place for trash.
- † Why not label zones at Rockport Primitive, and later on change what you want to do.
- † Never have seen a Conservation Officer in Thompson's Harbor.
- † These properties are unique in the State.
- † Time to break new ice: charge a user pass to pay for staff.
- † Metal detecting: can it be done in any of the management zones? Would like to see this activity addresses in the plans.
- † Forest management plans for harvest timber? In Negwegon? (Response: We don't harvest timber except species control or after a storm.)
- † Would quarry remain open (i.e. allowed to remove rocks)?
- † Why is no one at Rockport patrolling, and what level of campsite management would enact a patrol officer?
- † Regarding the cabin at Thompson's Harbor. Since it is there, why not make the property open to six cabins?
- † Don't take from public, give to public!
- † The people that are not here tonight feel disenfranchised and bitter over trail closings, which yields vandalism. They feel ownership is taken away. Outsiders don't respect property – 'Rules' ruin right-to-use for locals.

December 11 Public Workshop Sign-In Sheet

Name	Organization/ Affiliation
Kenneth Timm	Alcona County
Jim Szczukowski	
Bill McDonnell	
Richard White	
Linda Klemens	
Don Beem	
Dave LaVigne	
Erin Riopielle	Head Waters Land Conservation
Deb Pardike	
May Heideman	
James Zakshesky	Presque Isle Planning Commission
Fred Sterns	
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Joe Cercone	Citizen
Cory Gilders Lieve	Audubon
Peggy Ridgway	Audubon
Edward H. Cole	Audubon
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Beach Hall	Mayor
Colleen Higgins	DNR
Mark Hansen	DNR
Dan Mullen	DNR
Jim Larson	AuSable Audubon
Sue M. Keller	
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Kerry Mase	
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Chris Christopherson	
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Shawn Neuland	
Brian Kionzle	
Tony Curia	
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Jeanne Meskus	
Pauline Farmer	
Jerry Meek	Thunder Bay River Watershed Council
Richard Cluter	Besser Museum
David Sedlow	

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Jim McCallum	
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Justin Brown	
Nathan Bushey	Alcona High School
David Dubuque	North East Huron Detector Club
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Suzie Leow	
Tom Carlson	
Don Rosenberg	
Marcus Kemp	
Steve Mitchell	
Mike Leon	
Rick Egstrom	

Survey Distributed at Meeting (and available on-line), and Survey Results (Responses: 8)

ROCKPORT
Public Input Workshop Worksheet
(Please use additional pages as necessary for your comments to the questions below)

The questions below pertain to the DRAFT General Management Plan for the Rockport Property.
If you would like to submit your comments after tonight's workshop, please mail, fax or email to: Amy Golke, Birchler Arroyo Associates, 28021 Southfield Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076 / (248) 423-1793 (fax) / agolke@birchlarroyo.com by **December 17**.

Surveys, the draft plan, and the presentation are available at: www.birchlarroyo.com/Clients/MDNR-NRTH.htm

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey.
Your comments are a very valuable component of the General Management Plan process.

Name / Affiliation	Address	Email / Phone
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1. The Statements of Purpose currently include:

- Maintain the approximately 3,641 acres of Rockport that were deeded to the Department of Natural Resources from Consumers Energy, as part of the Ludington Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Facility settlement
- Preserve and protect the property's unique natural resources for current and future generations.
- Preserve and protect the property's historic and cultural resources.
- Provide educational and interpretive opportunities for the public that reflect the mission of the DNR and the unique qualities of Rockport
- Provide opportunities for recreational uses and experiences that are unique to, and compatible with, the property's resource base.
- Ensure that the planning of Rockport is part of a cohesive strategy for the region.

Do you agree with the above statements? Would you add anything to the above statements? _____

2. Current statements of significance are summarized as:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural and historic resources: Native American influence in Rockport; limestone quarry and forest operations; fossils found in the quarry; the oak ridge (indicates a prehistoric use). • Deep water pier: unique to the northeast shoreline; major attraction for visitors; provides water access (fishing, diving and swimming). Ideal location for boaters, divers and swimmers and may be beneficial in terms of tourism (Great Lakes cruise lines, tourism boats). • The Chippewa tribe accesses the boat launch through a Tribal Commercial Fishery Consent Decree. • The NOAA Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary's jurisdiction includes a portion of the Rockport Coast. The Sanctuary uses the deep water port at Rockport as a base for diving excursions. • Sink holes, karst features, dramatic land forms that are educational and interesting to divers. (Sink holes can also pose a danger as the land surface surrounding the hole may collapse unpredictably). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unique natural features: old growth white pines; cobble beach; and fens. • Value to commercial fisheries. Fisheries are also significant from a historical perspective, as some Alpena area settlers were attracted to the area for its commercial fishing resources. • Proximity and relationship to the Besser Bell Natural Area, which features stands of mature, virgin red and white pine with spruce, balsam, cedar and birch, Lake Huron shoreline, sandy beach. Portions of a shipwreck can be found in a wetland, just inland from the shoreline. • Prevalence of wildflowers, and species of special concern, threatened species and endangered species, such as Houghton's goldenrod, Dwarf lake iris and Pitcher's thistle. • The Rockport property includes land on Middle Island. (The lighthouse on Middle Island is privately owned.) • Its part in regional networks: Lighthouse Tour; "Sunrise Side Coastal Highway"; Huron Greenways; Bluewater Trail (proposed); and Great Lakes Circle Tour. |
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Do you agree with the above statements? What else makes Rockport significant to you? _____

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3. What natural resources are important? _____

4. What cultural resources are important? _____

5. What are the education and interpretation opportunities? _____

6. What are the recreation opportunities? _____

7. What should be the visitor experience? _____

8. Are there any known user conflicts or issues?

9. What should be the identity of Rockport?

Other Comments _____

Survey Responses: 8

1. Do you agree with the statements of purpose? Would you add anything to the above statements?

- ☞ Absolutely! This site is a treasure in many ways: geologically; biologically; ecologically; and aesthetically, just to name a few.
- ☞ I agree.
- ☞ Yes.
- ☞ Yes, no.
- ☞ Yes, with an emphasis on #2 (Preserve and protect the property's unique natural resources for current and future generations).
- ☞ Agree.
- ☞ Agree.

2. Do you agree with the statements of significance? What else makes the site significant to you?

- ☞ Yes. It is the only place in the Lower Peninsula where the total thickness of this rock formation (Rockport Quarry Limestone) is exposed for study, observation and educational purposes.
- ☞ The terrain (rocks, bedrock) is unlike any other I've seen in the Lower Peninsula. It would be incredible for developing a unique, technically challenging mountain bike trail system.
- ☞ Yes. Fossil collecting destination.
- ☞ Yes.
- ☞ Yes. In particular, the deep water port which gives access to deeper water for divers and fishermen. Additionally, I enjoy bird hunting here.
- ☞ Agree.
- ☞ Yes. Believe lighthouse is still US Coast Guard's high ground. Giver good visual onto Lake Huron. Interesting to observe the commercial fishing operation.

3. What natural resources are important?

- ☞ Old growth white pines, threatened wildflowers, sink holes.
- ☞ Shoreline, fossils, ledges.
- ☞ The wildflowers (yellow lady slipper, for one), birds, karst features (sink holes), cultural features, historic significance (the quarrying operations that occurred in the past).
- ☞ The Besser Bell Natural Area, shoreline habitat, wildflowers, fens and sink holes.
- ☞ Fossil collecting.
- ☞ Karsts, forests, sinkholes, cobble beach, old growth white pines, endangered species.

4. What cultural resources are important?

- ☞ The pier and boat ramp, the old settlement of Rockport, the old abandoned quarrying

equipment.

- ☞ Pier, shipwrecks, Native American influence.
- ☞ Old village, site of 'Big Mac' bridge caisson construction, old railroad grades.
- ☞ Native American influences.
- ☞ Fossils, artifacts, old community, shipwrecks.

5. What are the education and interpretation opportunities?

- ☞ The karst features, the fossils, the different layers of rock within the Rockport Quarry Limestone Formation (geo-education).
- ☞ The unique sink hole geology.
- ☞ Native American education, rock formations, fossils.
- ☞ Limestone geology.
- ☞ Rockport settlement, quarrying methods, types of fishing.
- ☞ Introduction to geology and all of science through wonder of fossil collecting.

6. What are the recreation opportunities?

- ☞ Hunting, fishing, walking, snowmobiling.
- ☞ Light camping or day use, diving, hiking, horse-back riding.
- ☞ Possible campground with Great Lake access.
- ☞ Hunting, fishing, swimming, diving, rock climbing, fossil collecting.
- ☞ Fossil collecting, hiking, birding, fishing, swimming and maybe mountain biking on designated trails.
- ☞ A stacked-loop, multi-use non-motorized trail system (see attached example from Building Better Trails published by the International Mountain Bicycling Association.) Proper trail design would help minimize trail conflicts. In addition, the apparent lack of soft soils means equestrians may be able to share these trails with minimal negative trail impact. Having more technical trails also leads to slower mountain biker speeds which can also alleviate conflict with other trail groups. (FIGURE attached, page 10)
- ☞ Hiking, cross-country skiing, kayaking, nature observation, photography, swimming and boat access.
- ☞ The outer loops would ideally be located within the rockier areas and quarry area in order to provide a very challenging trail experience.
- ☞ I believe such a trail would draw significant mountain bikers from across the Lower Peninsula and potentially the Midwest since this terrain is so unique. It is much closer for cyclists to drive to Alpena than the Upper Peninsula or East Coast in order to experience the rugged, rocky and challenging trails.

7. What should be the visitor experience?

- ☞ Multiple opportunity. Fossil collect and birding and hiking for example. Historical edification, wildflower observation, and hiking for another.
- ☞ An appreciation of nature.
- ☞ Educational.
- ☞ Multiple. Considerable opportunity for hiking trails. Loop hike to Besser Bell on the shoreline and return on the old railroad grad is a good hike.
- ☞ Low-impact, non-motorized in northern area and more developed – camping, etc. at pier and quarry.

8. Are there any known user conflicts or issues?

- ☞ There may be a possible conflict between fossil collecting / geo-education and target shooting. Target shooting is certainly possibly compatible if properly planned.
- ☞ Major resource damage from illegal ORV activity.
- ☞ Yes. Desire by some user group for motorized access to sink holes and interior of park. Possible nesting area for bald eagles-motorized noise could impact nesting.

9. What should be the identity of the site?



- ☞ Wildlife, nature and geo-educational park.
- ☞ Should be an education spot showing the history of the area. (HISTORICAL)
- ☞ Multi-experience park. Of the three areas, this site probably has the most mullet-use potential.
- ☞ As stated above, the trail identity for Rockport would be its unique and challenging terrain within the Lower Peninsula and the Midwest.
- ☞ A mixture of recreational-oriented areas <remainder not legible>
- ☞ A fossil collecting destination among all the other recreational uses.

10. Other Comments

- ☞ No camping, no launch fee.
- ☞ Good opportunity for marked trails for hiking. Some safety issues with the quarry cliffs – will need fencing and signage. This property should be transferred to the State Park system at the appropriate time.
- ☞ This property presents a unique opportunity to develop a campground / residence for people wishing to dive on a wreck or wrecks or for fishermen.

On-line Survey Results
(Responses: 3)

Rockport Property

1. How far do you live from Rockport?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Within 10 minute drive		0.0%	0
Within 30 minute drive		66.7%	2
Within 60 minute drive		0.0%	0
Greater than 60 minute drive		33.3%	1
<i>answered question</i>			3
<i>skipped question</i>			0

2. How often do you visit Rockport each season?					
	Once per week	Once per month	Once per season	Never	Response Count
Spring	0.0% (0)	33.3% (1)	66.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	3
Summer	33.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	66.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	3
Fall	33.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	66.7% (2)	0.0% (0)	3
Winter	0.0% (0)	33.3% (1)	0.0% (0)	66.7% (2)	3
<i>answered question</i>					3
<i>skipped question</i>					0

3. What activities do you currently enjoy at the site?

- 1 fossils, sinkholes, quiet hu=ikes
- 2 Hiking
- 3 Boat Launch, Fishing, Hunting, Scuba Diving, Hiking

4. Please list the new activities that you would like to see at Rockport, and indicate the number of new visits per year if the activity is added. For example, the addition of rustic campsites might change a person's number of visits per year from four to twelve.

- 1 marked hiking trails, no need to create more. Please don't open it up to pick-up trucks and divers.
- 2 Horse back riding spring, summer and fall and cross country skiing in the winter. I would probably increase my visits to once per month in each season.
- 3 Easier access to the sinkholes for scuba divers, and people with disabilities. Also Scuba access from the township day park to the Deep Water Pier, instead of the boat launch area. Cross Country Ski trails.

5. What natural resources at Rockport are most important to you?

- 1 Sink holes, quarry, shorelines
- 2 I think that the fossils and the history of the region is important.
- 3 The Fossils / Quarry, sinkholes, hiking trails,

6. Are there any historically-significant resources or culturally-significant resources in Rockport of which you are aware?
- 1 no
 - 2 Just the stage couch route, mining and fishing.
 - 3 The old houses near the lake, just South of the parking lot.
7. What would you like to see in terms of education or interpretation opportunities?
- 1 Information on karst geology
 - 2 History and fossils.
 - 3 The sinkholes, the fossils, and what Rockport actually was used for in its time
8. When visiting Rockport, what should the experience be like?
- 1 Quiet, natural, camping opportunities
 - 2 Quiet, peaceful, natural--- not developed. No snowmobiles in the winter.
9. What should the identity for this site be (i.e. a primitive, natural area; campground; educational area)?
- 1 Cmapground, education, natural areas
 - 2 Natural area with tent camping, hiking trails, skiing trails and equestrian trail. Continued port for fishermen, picnic area for families.
 - 3 I feel there is enough land to accomplish the following: primitive, natural area, a campground, and education
10. Are there any known user conflicts or issues?
- 1 ATV's and snowmobiles on beaches, divers driving motor vehicles to sink holes
 - 2 There should be no conflicts between users if we respect each other and all follow the rules; showing courtesy to everybody.
 - 3 The target practicing / weapon sighting shouldn't be allowed, there are ranges for that
11. Please review the CORE VALUES section of the General Management Plan. Do you agree or disagree with the statements of purpose and significance? Is there anything you would add?
- 1 Agree
 - 2 I agree.
 - 3 I agree
12. Please review the General Management Plan's MANAGEMENT ZONE PLAN. Do you agree or disagree with the Management Zones for Rockport? What changes would you make?
- 1 Shorelines should be ecological sensitive zones
I agree with the zones but why was equestrian use not listed as one of the possible recreational uses? As I
 - 2 recall there is an old road (old stage couch route) that runs from Rockport up to Besser Bell. This could be a horse back riding trail.
13. The next step in the process is to consider linkages among Negwegon State Park, Thompson's Harbor State Park and the Rockport property in the context of the geographic region (Alcona, Alpena, and Presque Isle Counties). This Regional Assessment will also tie into the Michigan Sea Grant Northeast Michigan Integrated Assessment project. Please provide your comments with regard to regional consideration of these three sites.
- 1 Makes sense to have Tompsons harbor and rockport tied together. Negwegon should be tied with Harrisville
 - 2 Townships need to be involved. Volunteers from the local areas and user groups should be recruited to help with trail maintenance, education tours, etc.
To have the three parks would be a great asset for boaters / kayakers /canoers being able to travel up the
 - 3 Lake Huron shore and camp for the night at a park. Maybe in the future being able to travel to Mackinaw by canoe / kayak.
14. Are there any comments you would like to share?
- 1 I hope it is possible to include horse back riding at Rockport. (Thank you for all your work on these plans. They are impressive.)