

# APPENDIX B

## Public Participation Program Results

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A very important aspect of the General Management Plan (GMP) process is public participation. For Wetzel State Recreation Area GMP, the public participation program consisted of two workshops and an on-line survey. Additionally there was an open invitation to the public to submit comments by telephone, fax, email or mail/drop-off to the Lenox Township Hall. The results of the public participation initiatives are presented on the following pages.

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Stakeholder Workshop Results  
Held on July 25, 2006, 7:00 p.m., at the Lenox Township Hall  
No. of Participants: 36

**Worksheet Responses (2 responses received)**

What natural resource values are important?

- Greenspace in southeastern Michigan. The quantity and quality of Wetzel is unsurpassed in this area. All types of hunting, Nature trails and hiking for solitude and interpretation of nature. Wetlands. Undeveloped land for the above mentioned uses are important resource values. We are quickly running out of place to "simply be" or to explore the incredible things that raw nature offers.
- Our land, forests and wetlands.

What cultural resource values are important?

- Interpretation, The study of wildlife, flora and fauna.
- Not sure what you mean.

What are the education / interpretation opportunities?

- Wetzel could easily offer endless opportunities for natural education / interpretation including wildlife studies, flora, fauna, hunter safety instruction, resource stewardship and navigation in the wild.
- Signage for various uses could be used.

What are the recreation opportunities?

- Hunting, snowmobiling, hiking, biking, model airplane flying, geocaching, cross country skiing, snow shoeing, dog training, horseback riding.
- Hunting, bird watching, nature walk, bike trail, fly field, picnic area, etc.

What should the visitor experience be?

- Feel welcome, relaxed, peaceful. Experience wildlife, nature, openness and a brief vacation from civilization.
- Different for different people, such as hunting for the hunter, bird watching for the bird watcher, etc.

What should the identity for this park be?

- A primitive, naturally beautiful, mostly undeveloped area for passive recreation. A natural outdoor educational facility complete with interpretive stations, naturalists, trainers in birds, fish, insects, amphibians, hunter safety and resource stewardship.
- Should keep it as intended for a hunting preserve – there is not other area for hunting like it in Macomb County.

Are there any known users conflicts?

- ORV's that abuse the area, dumping and illegal uses. Concerns or conflicts between hunters and other users can be curbed through education and supervision.
- You can't have all the activities all the time because of hunting season. Restrictions will have to be put on certain uses certain times of the year.

Other comments:

- Friends of Wetzel State Park: We can see the need for staffing that would include at least one full time ranger and one or two part-time employees. In summary, we would like to see Wetzel remain as natural as possible while making it available and usable to as many different people as possible refining the development that we have established at the Recreation Area. Educate the patrons of the area to curb as much conflict as possible between different user groups.

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Issues & Solutions Identification & Prioritization

Comments	
Issues	
7	Recreation Area should be open to hunting (other uses should not prohibit hunting)
0	The boundaries of Wetzel are not well known
9	The Recreation Area must be multi-use ( <i>Friends of Wetzel</i> )
7	The issue of balancing conflicting uses
6	Homeowners adjacent to the park needing to be an integral part of planning and decisions
5	Fear that hunting will not be a priority or allowed as a result of the planning process
5	The issue of keeping people off of trails in sensitive areas during spring nesting season
5	The issue of noise levels as park use increases
5	Leaving the park as status quo (the issue of new uses resulting in the creation of conflicts with current uses) ( <i>Radio Control Club of Detroit</i> )
4	Management of new uses: new uses should be negotiated with MDNR
4	The issue of finding the right mix of uses so that conflicts are avoided to the extent possible
2	The issue of using lead shot in wetland areas
1	The issue of safety: irresponsible shooters near adjacent homes
1	The issue of target practice, which is occurring though it is an illegal activity
1	The issue of budget problems and funding the management of Wetzel SRA
	The issue of the public not knowing that Wetzel SRA exists
	Regarding hunting safety or hunting near residences, the issue of waiting until someone gets hurt before something is done
	Noise level of any particular activity is a concern
	The issue of willing private investors to assist with the future management of Wetzel SRA
	The size of Wetzel SRA is relatively small, making it difficult to reduce conflicting uses or have many uses that have the potential to create conflicts (little buffer room)
	The possibility that the DNR may sell Wetzel SRA
	The issue of potential conflicts between hunting and other uses
	Noise issues resulting from the model airplane flyers
	Managing entry points: should the Recreation Area have a single entrance or an open perimeter; should the Recreation Area be fenced?
	Are North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) funds available?
	Is a dog trial facility a potential use at this location?
Solutions	
11	Delineate the hunter safety zones
8	The state should designate an area for model airplane flyers ( <i>Flying Wolverines</i> )
5	Leave the Recreation Area as is, with new uses added as more land is purchased
5	Construct a well-defined boundary, such as a fence, around Wetzel SRA
3	Provide educational trails
3	Offer hunter safety courses at Wetzel
2	Perform a survey for invasive species
1	Look for opportunities to generate revenue
1	Install signage to designate uses (look to Bald Mountain as an example)
1	Utilize technology like GPS as a mean of delineating park boundaries. Users could download boundaries when at Wetzel.
1	Consider funding opportunities through NAWCA
	Neighbors of Wetzel should work with the DNR to mark corners of their property
	When planning uses, keep in mind that the wetland areas have buffers around them that must also be protected
	Recognize that uses and users must evolve and adapt to nature
	Utilize community assets to assist with improvements at Wetzel: local high school students; 4H, Boy Scouts, and non-violent early release people from the County court system
	Perform a boundary survey

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Wetzel State Recreation Area  
Public Participation Workshop Summary  
October 3, 2007

Meeting began at approximately 7:00 pm

No. of Participants: 61

David Birchler of Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc. opened the meeting, and introduced John Gardner, Township Supervisor, Kris Bennett, Paul Curtis, Steve Pondo and Luba Sitar of the DNR, and Amy Golke of Birchler Arroyo Associates.

Paul Curtis presented the General Management Plan (GMP) process. Amy Golke presented the draft GMP.

David Birchler facilitate the workshop. Comments recorded include:

1. Will the Flying Club (Radio Control Club of Detroit, RCC) have to relocate?
2. Is the Flying Club activity incompatible with the Management Zone Plan?
3. The Flying Club has been a good neighbor and educator for 23 years.
4. Development of the park will drive wildlife away.
5. Friends and RCCD provide clean-up manpower. Campers would help.
6. Will the Township be funding the projects?
7. Concern that hunting areas will be 'chipped away.' Leave entire Recreation Area as Primitive Zone (running out of places to hunt).
8. RCCD brings in approximately 7,000 people per year (not 2,000). They provide educational opportunities on flying to abused children from the Shelter. They do good in the park; they are compatible; they've worked well with the DNR. The wetlands went around the field - why not let us stay where we are?
9. The flying field is compatible for the following reasons: relationship to significance statements #2 and #4 (education opportunity and take care of land that they use); they maintain the area and assist with clean-up; they helped form the Friends of Wetzel; they are careful not to interfere with hunters; they help police the area to decrease vandalism; they bring out abused children and boy scouts and have achieved Goleader Status; many of the members are in the 66+ age group, which is expecting the largest percent increase of all age groups; they created the Memorial to Walter C. Wetzel.
10. As residents if they want the park changed—why constantly mess with what nature has given. We should enjoy the park as it stands.
11. Issue with why the report says the flying field is incompatible.
12. Strike the incompatibility reference in the plan.
13. The impact of the RCCD continues to grow is positive for the future of Wetzel.
14. Can there be future access from 26 Mile?
15. Need to remove the language regarding the relocation of the RCCD out of Wetzel.
16. RCCD leases 9 acres (1% of total land)
17. Would like to see camping allowed.
18. Friends of Wetzel and RCCD should keep doing what they are doing.
19. RCCD and others are remarkable stewards of Wetzel. They provide large amounts of time and resources to maintain Wetzel.
20. Would like to see equestrian trails, a day-staging area, and camping for equestrians. Also would like to see trail connections to the Macomb Orchard Trail and Wolcott HCMA park.
21. Flying is educational. It teaches aerodynamics and has served as the inspiration for children to become pilots.
22. Neither flying or hunters are in each other's way. Hunters also help to clean up the park.
23. Flyers have removed approximately 135 tons of trash in Wetzel over the years.
24. Why should Flyers be on the low end of the stick when they have done so much: Memorial, Monument with

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- Congressional Medal of Honor, etc.
- The resident has found the Flying Field at Wetzel is very popular and the activities are integrated into the community. Friends, family, coworkers are all involved in the flying field activities.
26. Flyers bring in people and revenue (approx. 40,000 opportunities for admission fees)
  27. Why does 60% of the land need to be zoned Primitive? Need clarification of uses allowed in the NRR Zone and Phases of GMP planning process. Also, add a statement to the plan of the Flying Field's demonstrated stewardship and value to the community and Wetzel.
  28. P. Curtis: do the zones make sense to you? [Response: some nods, and yes's from the participants]. No, because hunting will not be allowed over the long-term. It was noted that hunting is an allowed use in the NRR zone.
  29. Why flying field initiated, it was dedicated and registered in Washington DC.
  30. Whether the State has money available to make improvements is a question.
  31. When Phase II starts, will the public be a part of the process?
  32. Stipulate what ADA means in the plan
  33. Future land use areas should be classified as NRRZ.
  34. There is no issue between hunters and flying field members.
  35. The MGM2 Model should take into consideration the impact of the Flying Field.
  36. I would like to propose Radio Flying is one aspect of the Radio Control Club of Detroit. Cars, boats and helicopters are also of interest.
  37. If we are going to protect Wetzel, it has been operating nicely as it is. Why not leave it alone?
  38. Note that there are restrooms by the Flying Field. Also the Field comprises less than 1% of the Area.
  39. If RCCD did not development this property, would this meeting still be taking place? (Answer: yes)
  40. The RCCD renders Wetzel a cultural resource. The RCCD has been at Wetzel for 55 years.
  41. The Township should spend resources on zoning to protect Wetzel from development of surrounding land uses and / or going after those who may ruin the park [discussion had made reference to the mitigated wetlands]
  42. Additional language should be added to each zone description to the effect that no more mitigated wetlands will be allowed. Language must be carefully crafted to be sure other doors are not left open.
  43. Do wetland areas allow fishing? If so, consider stocking them with indigenous fish.
  44. RCCD has had a positive impact overall. No negative impacts on hunters or wildlife. It provides educational value (e.g. newsletters to schools).
  45. Revise the paragraph on page 11 of the report [referring to incompatibility of flying field]
  46. Flying field shares the site with others (e.g. Ducks Unlimited)
  47. Given the State's revenue shortfall, how would Future Land Use purchases be made? [Answer: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Land and Water Conservation Fund, money from land exchanges, private party donations, land donations, land conservancies).
  48. How were the zones determined?

The meeting ended at approximately 9:10 pm.

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ID	1. How far do you live from Wetzel SRA?			
	Within 10 minute drive	Within 30 minute drive	Within 60 minute drive	Greater than 60 minute drive
1	X			
2		X		
3		X		
4		X		
5		X		
6	X			
7		X		
8		X		
9		X		
10		X		
11			X	
12		X		
13	X			
14		X		
15		X		
16	X			
17		X		
18		X		
19		X		
20		X		
21		X		
22		X		

ID	2. How often do you vist Wetzel SRA each season?															
	Spring				Summer				Fall				Winter			
	1/wk	1/mo	1/season	Never	1/wk	1/mo	1/season	Never	1/wk	1/mo	1/season	Never	1/wk	1/mo	1/season	Never
1		X			X				X						X	
2		X				X				X				X		
3	X				X				X					X		
4	X				X				X					X		
5	X				X				X					X		
6	X				X				X				X			
7	X				X				X				X			
8	X				X				X				X			
9			X				X		X					X		
10			X			X				X						X
11		X				X				X				X		
12	X				X				X					X		
13	X				X				X					X		
14				X				X				X				X
15	X				X				X							X
16	X				X				X					X		
17	X				X				X						X	
18	X				X				X				X			
19			X		X					X				X		
20	X				X				X				X			
21			X				X				X					X
22	X				X				X							X

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ID	3. What activities do you currently enjoy at the Recreation Area?
1	
2	hiking, birding, dog training, birding, relaxing.
3	hiking, model airplanes and as a member of the Friends of Wetzel State Park I help out in the clean up once a year and any help we provide to the DNR.
4	radio control Model Aircraft flying at the RCCD field. Walking
5	radio flying club
6	Radio Control Flying
7	RC Flying and hiking. But, I visit much more than once a week.
8	radio control airplanes
9	
10	I used to board my horse near Wetzel and would ride in there at times. Would have loved to do it more often, but it is very overgrown and inaccessible in the places we could ride.
11	hiking, nature walks
12	Flying R/c planes.
13	
14	I have never been there.... only heard about it the other day.
15	Radio Control airplanes
16	Hiking through the woods and trails watching migrating birds bow hunt fly rc aircraft
17	Flying radio control airplanes.
18	radio control flying hiking hunting
19	radio control club flying and bow hunting
20	I'm the newsletter editor for the Radio Control Club of Detroit and fly at least 3 times a week...sometimes more than that in good weather. www.rccd.org I'm also Pres. of The St. Clair Flats Wildfowl Association (decoy carving and hunting group) and I've hunted Wetzel since it was a put-take pheasant area and I hunt it now that we have some great ponds for duck and goose hunting. www.scfwa.com I'm also Pres/owner of Lock Stock & Barrel, Inc., manufacturing duck hunting boats and decoys and many of our customers use Wetzel also.
21	I ride my horse.
22	walking. watching the rc aircraft fly. relaxation.

ID	4. Please list the new activities that you would like to see at Wetzel Recreation Area and indicate the number of new visits per year if the activity is added.
1	
2	Outdoor education and interpretation. Increase 6 times per year. Additional trails and interpretative signage.
3	I am Happy with things the way they are. I now visit the park 2 - 3 times a week weather permitting spring summer and fall. Flying model airplanes Hiking Watching the wild life while hiling.
4	Longer walking trail would be a plus.
5	
6	Retention of Radio Control Flying Natural Habitat with major influx of hikers, bikers, etc...
7	Nature Center. Would visit once a month
8	none
9	
10	There is a need for horse trails. I know of at least 2 dozen people who would use the trails on a weekly basis and many more who would ride there if trails were available.
11	more hiking trails
12	No additional activities needed. Any new activities will not increase my visits. Loss of the RCCD flying field will result in no visits a year.
13	
14	horseback riding 20 times / year rollerblading 10 times / year
15	
16	I like the park the way it is now
17	Not interested in any new activities there.
18	dog training horse trails
19	continue park usage as it is
20	At this point, there are no new activities I can see me participating at Wetzel. I'd rather not see more hiking, horse back riding or any RV/ATV activities at the park.
21	The addition of a 5+ miles of Hiking/Equestrian trails would increase my usage to atleast once a week during Spring through Fall. The addition of a Rustic Camping/Equestrian Rustic Camping area I would use atleast once a month.
22	I like it the way it is.

ID	5. What natural resources are most important to you?
1	
2	are important.
3	The education of our youth and the time and the place, Wetzel Park, to accomplish this.
4	Forests and wetlands
5	
6	Natural Setting
7	Preservation of exiting land uses
8	all
9	
10	Trees, meadows, wildlife, a place to park a trailer, a place to get water for horses.
11	Coon Creek, freshwater impoundments, prairie areas
12	
13	
14	horseback riding trails
15	wetlands
16	
17	Hunting & fishing
18	clean water
19	keeping some natural areas
20	Wetlands and open spaces for recreation-flying and hunting.
21	The important resource at Wetzel S.R.A. are the woodland areas which are limited but it would be good to be able to enjoy them too with some trail through them.
22	The relaxing aspect. I also like watching the rc aircraft flying park. I hope you will not chase this activity away.

ID	6. Are there any historically significant resources of which you are aware?
1	
2	
3	The land that is Wetzel park was farm land when the DNR purchased it in 1969. As far as I can see there is no historical significant resources in the park.
4	No, other than the Wetzel memorial
5	no
6	no
7	RCCD has added much to the total visitor attendance. By attending one or more of the advertised RC events many attendees follow up by coming back to the park for other uses.
8	not at the rec area
9	
10	A large undeveloped area that would be wonderful for horseback riding.
11	no
12	
13	
14	none
15	None
16	no
17	
18	yes
19	no
20	Yes.....RCCD (model airplane flying club) has installed a permanent/historical monument to the man who the park is named for.
21	No.
22	There is always history at all locations but I am not of aware of any significant resources. History is a place...primarily in a book unless really significant to the location. then an exhibit is often appropriate.

ID	Are there any culturally significant resources of which you are aware (i.e. related to native American or early European settlement cultures)?
1	
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3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	not at the rec area
9	
10	
11	no
12	
13	
14	
15	None
16	no
17	Yes, but not at Wetzel state park.
18	no
19	no
20	NO
21	No.
22	Same thoughts as above.

ID	8. What would you like to see in terms of education or interpretation opportunities?
1	
2	Wildlife, wetland study. Naturalist led outdoor classes and iterprative walks.
3	Every year The Radiocontrol club of Detroit brings in from 60 to 100 young boys & girls and gives them basic theory and a chance to fly radio controled minature aircraft withan instructor on duel controls. I would like to see this program expandes. Many of our engineers, astronauts and pilots started out with just such an experience.
4	
5	
6	Wildlife Conservation
7	RCCD holds several Kids nights for the sole purpose of educating our kids about manned flight.
8	same as current or increasing
9	
10	
11	hunter safety courses, various conservation education seminars - native plants of Wetzel, bats of Macomb County, etc., stormwater management, riparian ecosystems and their importance, etc. The Macomb Conservation District and other natural resource cooperators such as Pheasants Forever Macomb County chapter, etc. could possibly contribute to these future opportunities.
12	
13	
14	Educate birdwatchers that horses are thier fiends. Horse droppings feed birds!
15	
16	
17	Teaching young people about building and flying model aircraft.
18	same as current
19	
20	Our model airplane club does a lot of education of adults as well as children and several fellas, who started with the club, have gone on to careers in aviation-design and commercial flying. We do a lot with disachd aged children and kids who are in sanctuary from battered homes...teaching them about model airplanes, flyng with care and concern of our members. I'm also a member of The Michigan Duck Hunters Assoc and do some stream/wetlands & waterfowl education conducted with our Youth.
21	Interpitive nature walk and bird watching areas.
22	Same thoughts as above.

ID	9. What should the visitor experience be like?
1	
2	escape from civilization, work and everyday life, for a few moments or a full day. A place to relax and enjoy
3	entirely for the whole family.
4	easy experience, easy parking, ready access to the facilities.
5	
6	
7	Safe, relaxing and most of all a desire to return.
8	whatever he/she would like it to be. every person will see the same situation with a different perspective or opinion.
9	
10	In tune with nature
11	Balanced and natural with multi-use choices: hunting, hiking, nature walking, snowmobiling, etc.
12	
13	Satisfying.
14	
15	
16	To come to the park and be able to walk around and enjoy the surroundings what ever your interest might be
17	Something pleasurable.
18	peaceful, educational, entertaining, participative
19	
20	Enjoyable without over crowding or over use
21	Relaxing area so visitors can appreciate nature and get rejuvenated.
22	As it is now. I feel this survey is trying to pull thoughts directed toward driving change to the park. and you may well get what you want...but it is not what I would desire.

ID	10. What should the identity for this park be?
1	
2	I would say all except campground unless that were a limited use such as group camping by permit only.
3	Camp ground wetland study Flying field
4	Preference would be for the primitive nature of the park to remain. Do NOT open the park for dirt-bikes, ATVs, snowmobiles etc.
5	
6	primitive
7	A diverse use park where old and young can enjoy the fruits of our land.
8	it must allow for activities requested by the public which cannot be accomplished elsewhere
9	
10	A natural area that could incorporate a campground for multi-use.
11	an undeveloped natural area or park that provides areas for hiking, hunting, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, radio controlled flying, birdwatching, wildlife observation, nature-walking (i.e., multiple use as on our federal national wildlife refuges)
12	
13	To be determined
14	primitive
15	Keep it the way it is. Allow the Radio Control Club of Detroit to remain at its present location. We are about the only group that regularly uses the park and cares about it much more than the general public.
16	primitive, natural area
17	Semi primitive
18	natural and recreational as per law.
19	natural area for the majority of land
20	Wetlands and recreation. I think the camp-ground area is a bad idea.
21	A Natural area that allows for a number of different recreational activities and also a rustic camping area
22	an area that is void of houses and businesses. somewhere to go and relax without the busy lifestyle you could find in numerous city/county parks around.

ID	11. Any known user conflicts or issues?
1	
2	There are always perceived conflicts between hunters and other users of the park. Most could be eliminated through education.
3	
4	I am one neighbor with a very long history of complaints in regard to model airplane noise. Closer neighbors have no problem.
5	I am not aware of any conflicts
6	Removing RCCD from there current field is a unintelligant idea. This club has been helping keep Wetzel up for years no. Inserting Money and work to keep it up.
7	None
8	yes
9	
10	People who are not familiar with equestrian activities, may object. Most horse people are very good about cleaning up after their animals and we are very conservation minded.
11	Hiking trails and other potentials for 2 or more people to gather in readily accessible walking or other type routes could impede the use of the area for hunting purposes.
12	
13	Not that I know of!
14	
15	None
16	no
17	Only from people that dislike other people who are enjoying their hobby
18	yes
19	no
20	Known conflicts would come from increased motorized useage of the park by ATV/RV & motor cycles.
21	Their could be conflicts between hunters and other users during certian times of the year.
22	no. again, I enjoy watching the rc aircraft that frequent the east corner in the park. please don't chase them away...I have heard the rumor that this is one of your objectives.

ID	12. Do you agree/disagree with purpose and significance?
1	
2	Agree
3	Agree.
4	I would hope the 'Recreation' capability would include the current model airplane activity. The current tenant (RCCD) provides an outstanding opportunity for younger members of society to engage in a pleasurable pastime that perhaps discourages other less socially acceptable behavior. Many of the events held by the club have resulted in inquiries in regard to how to join ,get started and receive instruction. This is all included in the RCCD club constitution:... 'The purpose of this club shall be to further the advancement of radio controlled model aircraft in all its aspects as a hobby/sport.' The current facility is recognized as probably the best in the surrounding area if not in the State of Michigan. Recreating an equivalent facility in another location would be a major undertaking.
5	
6	There is no reason to upgrade the park. People are not going to use it the same as say, Stoney Creek.
7	Some what I agree. But, there are specific that I question. I see conflicts between hunting and preservation.
8	disgree
9	
10	
11	agree
12	
13	Comments are already on file.
14	we need more horseback riding trails in this part of MI
15	
16	yes
17	I disagree
18	
19	would not like to see the current park ussage/pla changed
20	I think a lot has been assumed by Lenox that makes them think they have any type of control of the park. I would rather that Lenox keep out of it and leave the park as it currently stands.
21	I agree with the Core Values.
22	It is so general and subject to inturpretation how could one agree or disagree. It all depends on your agenda.

ID	11. Any known user conflicts or issues?
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3	
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ID	13. Do you agree with Management Zones?
1	
2	agree.
3	I agree. Keep the flying field just as it is.
4	I would like to see the RCCD field become a developed recreation zone instead of a Natural Resource zone. To
5	my mind, categorization of the current area would not illogically separate different areas of the park.
6	
7	See above
8	NO. I do not agree with plan. I see no evidence of conflict as stated.
9	greatly disagree
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11	not sure
12	Disagree - selection of management zones should not classify the use of the flying field as a non-compatible use. Justification for such non-compatibility was not explained in the document.
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14	Agree
15	we need more horseback riding trails in this part of MI
16	I disagree. The RCCD club should be allowed to stay in the park.
17	Agree except I would allow RCCD to continue to lease the land they currently have.
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19	yes
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21	Mostly, I agree with the management zones. I would not displace the flying club as was originally suggested in the plan.....where is was stated that our activities are incompatible with the other activities of the park. Last year we brought over 7000 visitors to the park as a result of our activities and events.
22	I do NOT Agree with all the Management Zones for Wetzel SRA. I do NOT think the primitive area zone should go right up to the roads. I think there should be about a 30 foot wide area running along Werderman rd, 27 Mile rd, and Omo rd that is zoned Natural Resource Recreation area so an UNPAVED multiuse/safty path could be developed. I strong disagree with the statement and ask that this statement be removed that in - Natural Resource Recreation Zone Draft- under-Recreation Opportunities- 'While equestrian use and biking are typically allowable uses in the Ntural Resources Recreation Zone, the current size of the recreation area is too small to accommodate them.' Their may not be enough area for 3 separate user trails (hiking, equestrian, bike) but there is enough for a multi-use trail. A joint Hiking/equestrian trail could work out well in a Wetzel SRA. In Macomb county their is currently only 10 miles of trails for equestrian use at Wolcott Mill Metropark. These are shared with hikers and it has been working fine.
23	Their are over 1000 equestrians registered to ride at Wolcott Mill and equestrian trail riding is a growing recreational activity there is a need for more trails in macomb county. Other SRA with equestrian trails are over 50 miles from Wetzel SRA. I think a hiking/equestrian multi-use trail is viable in the limited space at Wetzel SRA.
24	Protect the flying zone.

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	<p>I am not really pleased with what I've seen so far in the management draft especially that the plan is to keep the area predominantly natural.</p>
3	<p>That organization such as The Radio Control Club of Detroit that is 53 years old with a 250 + members has been in the park for 23 years should be allowed to stay in the park. And it should be backed by the DNR and Lenox Township. You can ask any young family who has spent an afternoon with us at one of our events and they will tell you what a good time they had and how enjoyable it was. This is what the park should be about, people enjoying themselves.</p>
4	<p>As a R/C flyer I am naturally concerned at the proposal to eliminate that activity from the park. Our club has an excellent record of relationships with the DNR, maintenance of our part of the facility and of drawing people to the area who did not even know it existed. I am not sure I understand why continued use would be incompatible. I have no interest in remaining anonymous. I am Keith Jones, RCCD club member. I live in Washington Township. My phone number is 586-255-8038, my email is kaydeejay9@yahoo.com.</p>
5	<p>I think we should be able to keep our flying site where it is, we have no conflicts with hunters or walkers. If anything the RCCD club brings people into the park.</p>
6	<p>Mostly, I feel that moving everything around for joggers and bikers is a bad idea. This park averages more RC flyers per week than it will receive in joggers/bikers/hikers etc.</p>
7	<p>The Management plan seems to be oriented toward financial gain as opposed to recreational use. How can Tourism be applied as used in the MGM2 model. Other neglected areas are; the parks currently having RC club outings or offerings such as open flying.</p>
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10	<p>PLEASE JUST CONSIDER ALLOWING HORSES AND HORSE PEOPLE ACCESS TO WETZEL STATE LAND.</p>
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13	<p>Not at this time.</p>
14	<p>we need more horseback riding trails in this part of MI</p>
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20	<p>The Radio Control Club of Detroit has proven to be the best Stewards of Wetzel that you have. We're also the ones instrumental in creating the Friends of Wetzel. It doesn't make any sense to mess with that. Hunters (true hunters &amp; not the slobs) are also Stewards of the land and can not be discounted in their contribution. I and many of my hunting friends consistently come out of the area with more trash than we went in with....helping to clean while we're there. Thanks much and good luck, Lou Tisch 36568 Boyce Drive Clinton Township, MI 48035 <a href="http://www.lockstockbarrell.com">www.lockstockbarrell.com</a> <a href="http://www.eallendecoys.com">www.eallendecoys.com</a> <a href="http://www.rccd.org">www.rccd.org</a> <a href="http://www.scfwa.com">www.scfwa.com</a></p>
21	<p>I would like 5+ miles of hiking/equestrian trails with a staging area for equestrians and a rustic camp that would include equestrian to be developed at Wetzel SRA. Stop anymore mitigated wetlands development at WSRA. I feel that their would NOT be any conflict with the fly field and equestrians trail usage.</p>
22	<p>Protect the flying zone.</p>

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