



Lakewood Forest Preserve Master Plan

A public open house for the Lakewood Forest Preserve Master Plan was held on September 23, 2019 at the Fremont Township Administration Center. The purpose of the open house was to provide the public the opportunity to view and discuss concept alternatives A and B.

PUBLIC INVITATIONS SENT	
#	Communication Method
1,860	Mailed invitations
228	Emailed invitations (that requested project updates via website and from 2018 online survey)
803	Emailed invitations from shelter rental list



\*Open house date and location was also posted on the District’s website from August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Approximately 130 people attended the open house, where members of staff and the Board of Commissioners were available to share the draft master plan concepts and gather feedback. Attendees were able to comment through several communication methods: written comment cards, written comments on the aerial photographs and concept plans, and emailed comments. A three-week public comment period followed the open house and concluded on October 14, 2019. During the comment period, the District emailed the individuals on the shelter rental list to garner additional feedback and public input. In total, the public submitted over 360 comments in response to the exhibits shared at the open house and shared electronically via the District’s website.



PUBLIC COMMENT COUNTS	
#	Communication Method
681	Participated in online survey (2018)
65	Comment cards returned
147	Comments written on concept plans
67	Emailed or mailed commented received
85	Signatures from signed petition “to not change the horse trails/no multi-use on horse trails”

No restrictions were placed on the number of times a person could submit a comment and there were no limits on the types of communications that a person could use. Therefore, the comments should not be considered a scientific opinion poll or a binding referendum on any plan or idea.



During the open house, attendees were able to share their ideas by writing directly on concept plans. The top five comments noted most frequently were:

- Keep horse trails as is (36 comments)
- Do not provide a multi-use trail south of Ivanhoe Road (25 comments)
- Retain or add snowmobile trails (11 comments)
- Add fees for bikers, hikers, etc. and/or increase fees for equestrians (11-comments)
- Increase bicycle trails (8 comments)

The District provided blank comment cards for attendees to provide feedback and 65 comment cards were returned with 22 different topics recorded. The top five comments noted most frequently at the open house were:

- Do not provide a multi-use trail south of Ivanhoe Road (30 comments)
- Keep horse trails as is (20 comments)
- Add fees for bikers, hikers, etc. and/or increase fees for equestrians (15 comments)
- Modify policies or signage to clarify equestrian/bicyclist etiquette (15 comments)
- Increase bicycle trails (9 comments)



The District received 67 emails sent to [Lakewood@LCFPD.org](mailto:Lakewood@LCFPD.org) from the public representing 22 different topics. The top five comments noted most frequently within the emails received were:

- Do not provide a multi-use trail south of Ivanhoe Road (20 comments)
- Provide a multi-use or separated trail south of Ivanhoe Road (15 comments)
- Keep horse trails as is (13 comments)
- Preferred Concept A (10 comments)
- Modify policies or signage to clarify equestrian/bicyclist etiquette (8 comments)

The District also received limited comments on the parking lot and roadway reconfiguration, removal of existing buildings, natural resource restoration, and accessibility improvements.