



BRIDGE TO BAY TRAIL COMMUNITY SURVEY

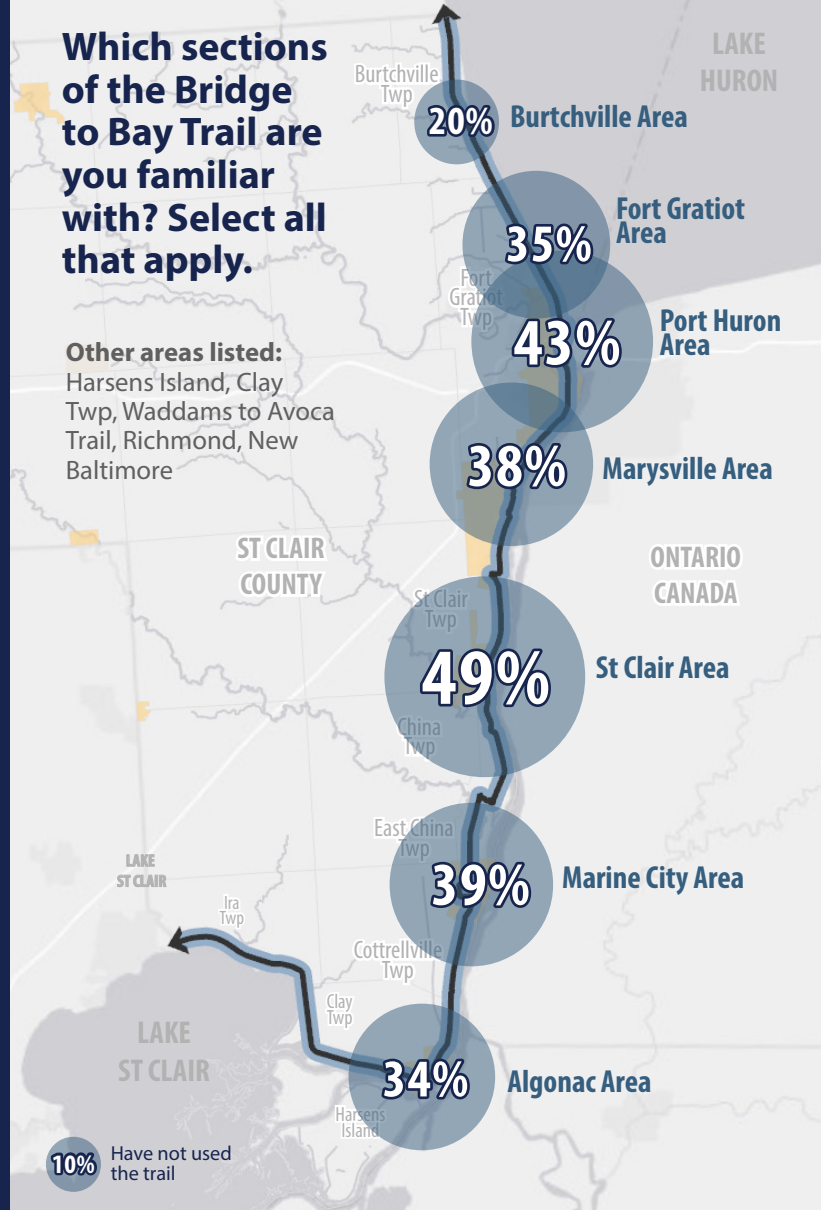
The survey was available during summer 2026 to gather input on the Bridge to Bay Trail and priorities for its future. Yard signs with a QR code were placed along the trail and at community events, and local communities and organizations were encouraged to promote the survey. The following summarizes key themes and feedback from respondents.

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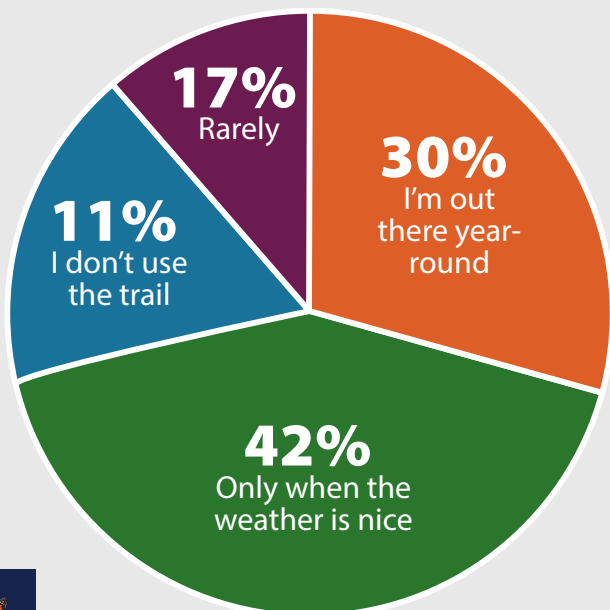
Which sections of the Bridge to Bay Trail are you familiar with? Select all that apply.

Other areas listed:

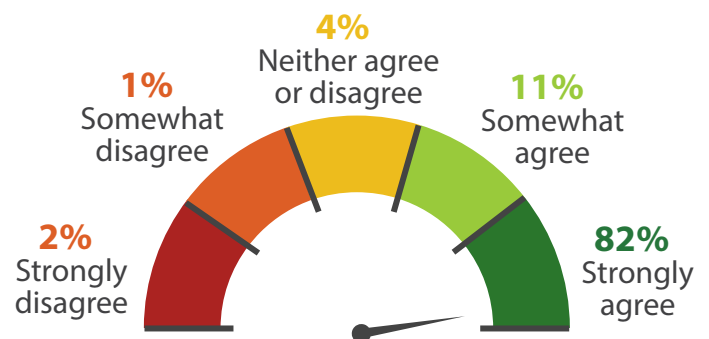
Harsens Island, Clay Twp, Waddams to Avoca Trail, Richmond, New Baltimore



How often do you use the Bridge to Bay Trail?



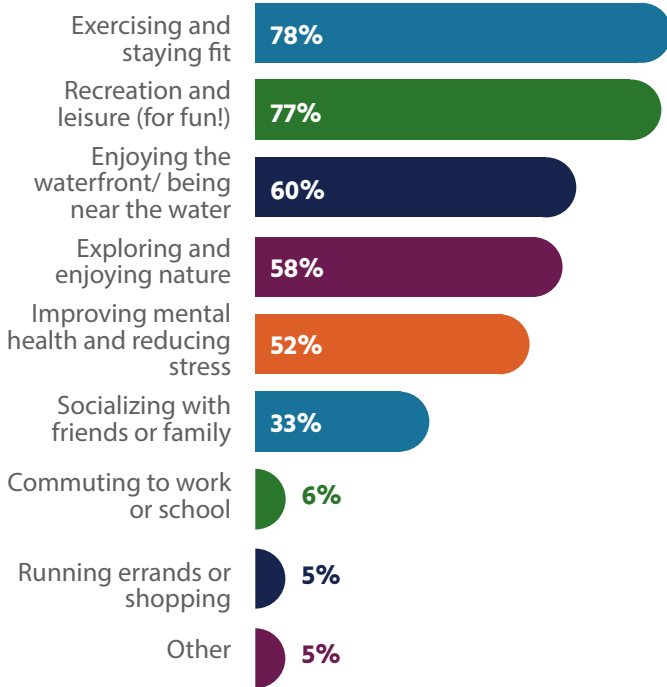
It is important to have a connected network of multi-use trails like the Bridge to Bay Trail in St. Clair County.



94% of respondents agree that a connected network of multi-use trails is important.



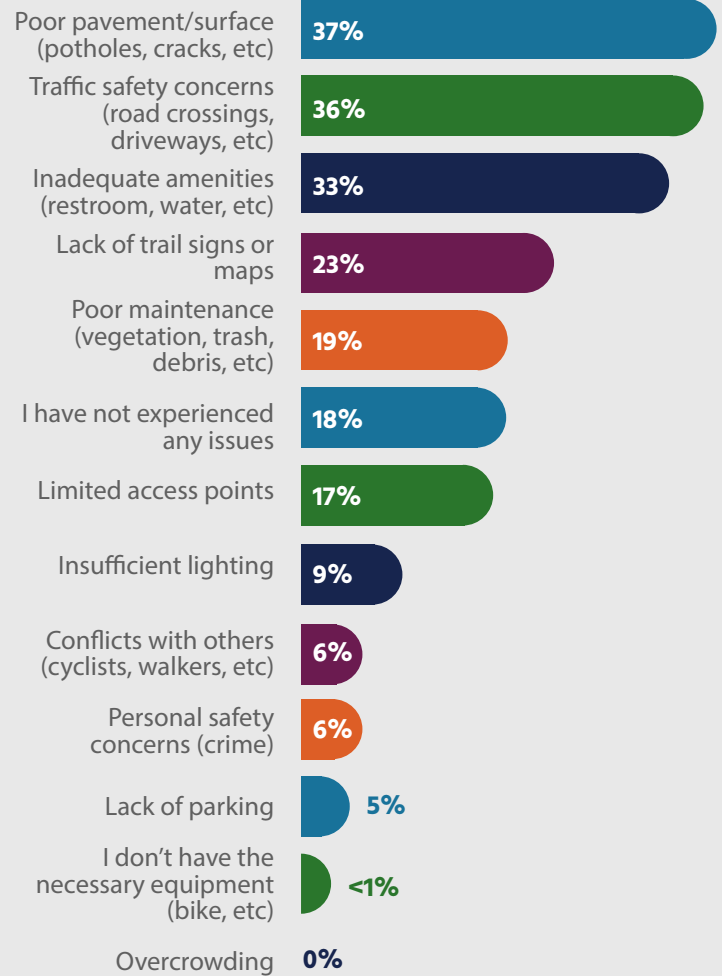
What are your main reasons for using the trail? (Select all that apply)



Other: Memories, health, dog walking, and getting to the beach.

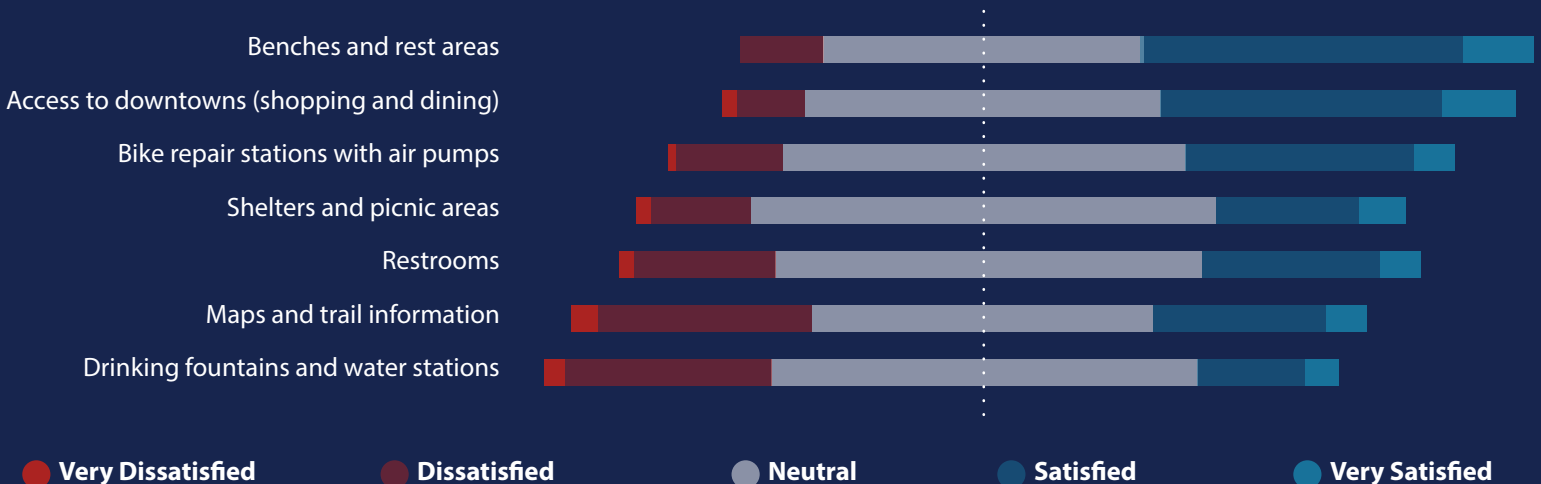
The trail is valued for exercise, recreation, nature, and waterfront experiences, while **pavement and surface conditions, inadequate amenities, traffic safety, and limited trail information and wayfinding are key challenges.**

What are the biggest issues you have encountered on the trail? (Select all that apply)



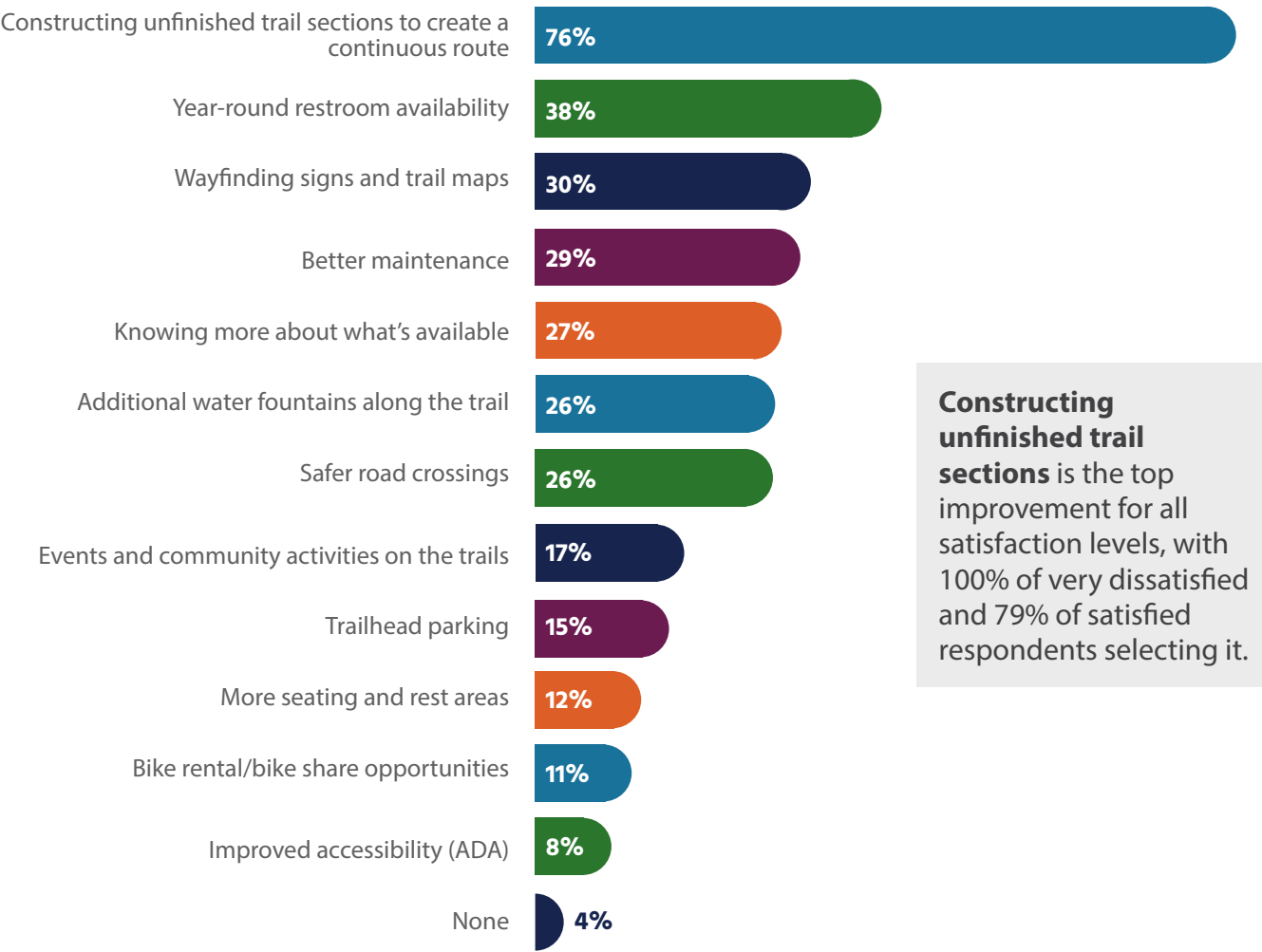
Other: conflicts with e-bikes, e-scooters, e-motorcycles, and other users; off-leash dogs; pet and goose waste; litter; insects and invasive vegetation; unclear transitions between trails, sidewalks, and roads; flooding; and a lack of shade

How satisfied are you with the amenities available along the trails?



● Very Dissatisfied ● Dissatisfied ● Neutral ● Satisfied ● Very Satisfied

What improvements would encourage you to use the trail more often? (Select all that apply)



Other: emergency and nighttime safety, shade and trees, natural landscaping, trail etiquette, educational information, and environmental and recreational features.

What is the best thing you have discovered or experienced on the Bridge to Bay Trail?

Nature & scenery: Beautiful views, natural areas, waterfront scenery, woods, wetlands, and peaceful landscapes

Wildlife: Opportunities to see birds, deer, turtles, fish, foxes, and other wildlife along the trail.

Spending time with family, friends & community: Sharing rides, walks, and outdoor experiences with others.

A safe place to walk, bike & run: Enjoying the trail away from traffic and busy roads.

Peace & relaxation: A place to slow down, get outside, clear your head, and enjoy the outdoors.

Connecting communities & destinations: Getting to downtowns, parks, beaches, restaurants, and waterfront areas by trail.

Health & physical activity: Opportunities to walk, bike, run, exercise, and support physical and mental well-being.

Waterfront & water access: Enjoying the rivers, Lake Huron, waterfront paths, beaches, boats, freighters, and views along the water.



Is there a trail connection you would like to see added that is currently missing? Please describe the destinations you would like to connect below.

The most frequently mentioned destinations and connections:

Harsens Island

Connection to Harsens Island, a trail/loop on the island, connection to the ferry, and routes around the island

Algonac to Marine City

Complete the connection between Algonac and Marine City, including a trail through Cottrellville Township and/or along M-29, preferably separated from traffic

Fort Gratiot to Burtchville

Connect existing trail sections from Fort Gratiot through Burtchville and Lakeport, including connections to Lakeport State Park, Fort Gratiot County Park, Metcalf/State Road, and existing trails; avoid riding on M-25

Wadhams to Avoca Trail

Connect Wadhams to Avoca Trail with the Bridge to Bay Trail

St. Clair / Yankee Road

Connect Yankee Road to St. Clair, improve the River Road connection, and address the gap near the elementary school

Port Huron Connections

Better connections through Port Huron, including Marysville, downtown Port Huron, Fort Gratiot, and existing trail sections

Macomb Orchard Trail

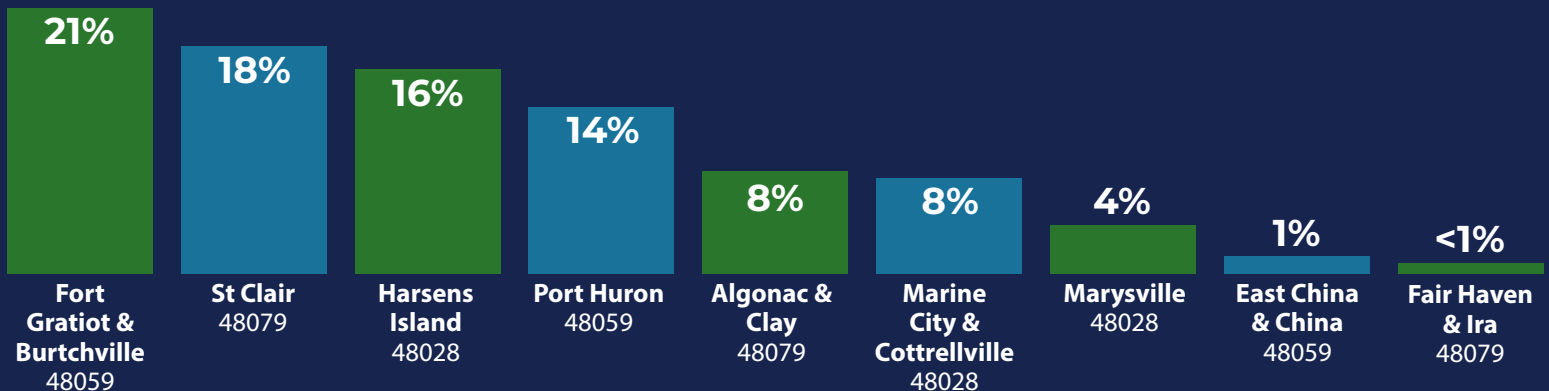
Connect the Bridge to Bay Trail to the Macomb Orchard Trail

St. John's Marsh

Trail/loop around or through the St. John's Marsh area

Beyond specific destinations, a substantial number of comments focused on **making the overall network more continuous, connected, and safer**. Respondents described gaps, difficult transitions, and sections that require people to travel along busy roads or shoulders.

Other connections mentioned included St Clair Township Park, Ira Township, Yale, Lexington, and Lakeside beach



What is your ZIP code?

Helps us understand where survey responses are coming from and how people across the community may use the proposed trail.

90% of survey entries came from ZIP codes along the trail

Other St. Clair County communities: Kimball Township

Macomb County: Chesterfield Township, Shelby Township, Washington Township, Warren, and surrounding communities

Sanilac County: Croswell, Lexington, Yale, Jeddo, and other communities near the St. Clair County border

Visitors from elsewhere: Flint-area communities, as well as Iowa and Texas

Tell us anything else you feel is important:

The most frequently mentioned themes

Complete and connect the network — especially Harsens Island

Maintain and repair existing trails — particularly pavement surfaces

Improve safety — more separation from traffic and safer crossings

Address e-bike and e-scooter speeds and interactions

Improve signage, maps, and trail information

Add amenities — shade, lighting, trash and pet-waste stations

Protect natural resources and wildlife

Promote the trail system and its tourism/ economic benefits

Appreciation for the trail and for the continued efforts to improve and expand the system

Would you like to get involved or stay informed?



44%

I would like to
Receive trail updates



13%

I am interested
in volunteering

Which of these describe you? (Select all that apply)



17%

I have
School-aged
children



90%

I live in St
Clair County



11%

I visit St Clair
County



<1%

I am under
the age of 16



40%

I am
Retired



3%

I use a
mobility aid
(cane, etc)