



Lake Erie
Commission

Oak Harbor Coastal Resiliency Planning

**Funded under OLEC Coastal Resiliency
Grant Program**

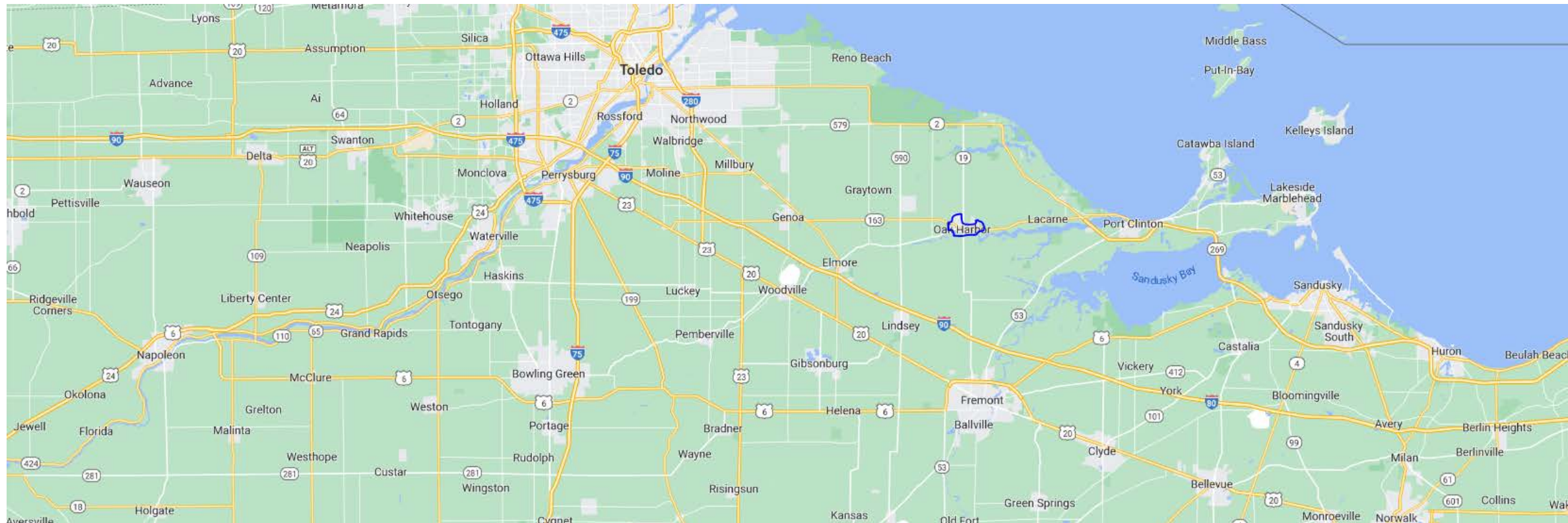
Grant #584-23 LECCR

Context of the Presentation

The Village of Oak Harbor and its partners have made major strides creating improved environmental conditions and developing opportunities for recreational access in alignment with Lake Erie action plans.

However, while positive improvements are noticeable, these improvements do not comprehensively address all Lake Erie goals and leave room for progress.

Recognizing this, the project partners identified funding under OLEC's coastal resiliency program as an opportunity to plan for the future of the region and Oak Harbor.





Project Goal

- Complete Comprehensive Planning in Oak Harbor
- Convene and Organize a Portage River Stakeholder group

OLEC \$45,000
Oak Harbor \$30,000
OCIC \$15,000

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Recent Accomplishments in Oak Harbor

Environmental Health

\$10 Million Sewer Separation Project Completion

- Keystone of CSO Compliance



Recreational Access

\$1 Million in Funding Acquired for Riverfront Development Projects

- Local, state, and private partners



Portage River Arts / Recreation Corridor



Portage River Arts / Recreation Corridor Accomplishments

PORTAGE RIVER WATER TRAIL DESIGNATED AS OHIO'S 17TH STATE WATER TRAIL

July 19, 2022



ODNR program promotes safe routes for paddlers, access to river communities, and recreational sites

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Obstacles to Local Implementation of Lake Erie Action Plan

Lack of Expertise

- Engage with planning firm
- Engage with Sea Grant and partners

Competing Objectives

- Integrate Lake Erie action plans in all areas of planning
- Include action plan goals within scope of comprehensive needs

Fractured Regional Approach

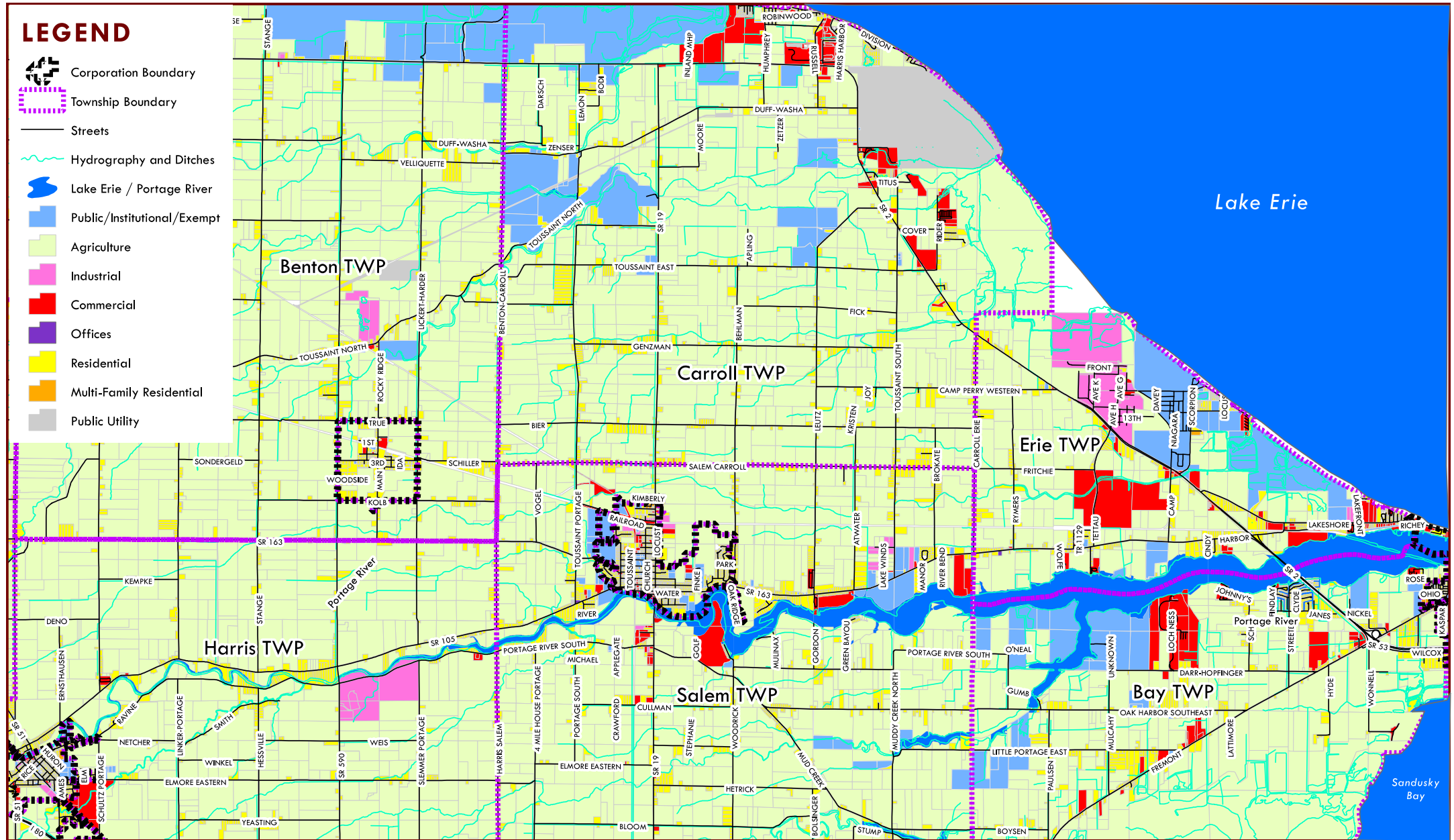
- Convene regional steering committee
- Identified shared goals and action items

Partner Expertise



LEGEND

-  Corporation Boundary
-  Township Boundary
-  Streets
-  Hydrography and Ditches
-  Lake Erie / Portage River
-  Public/Institutional/Exempt
-  Agriculture
-  Industrial
-  Commercial
-  Offices
-  Residential
-  Multi-Family Residential
-  Public Utility



Do your part to PLAN Oak Harbor!

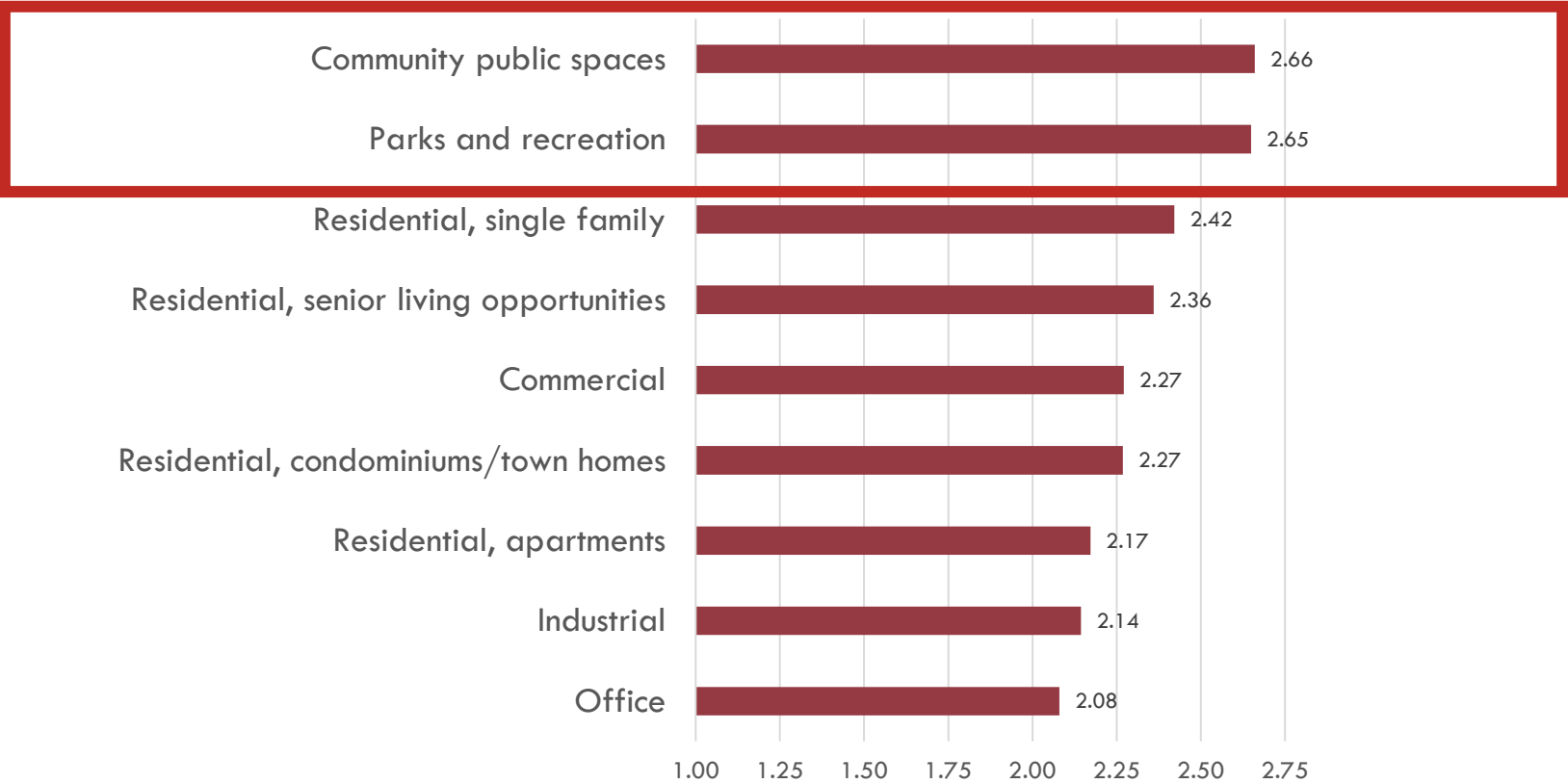
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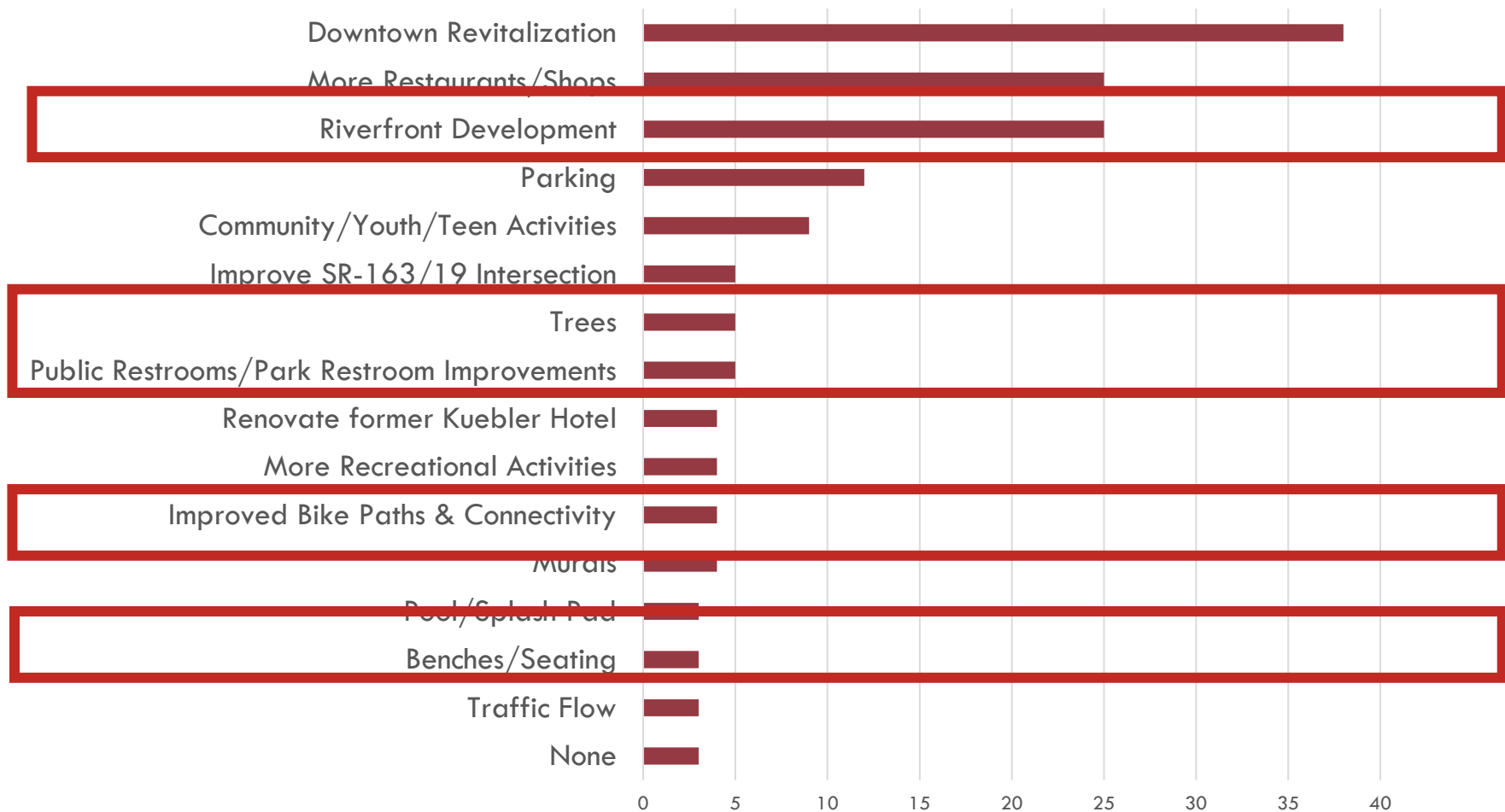
Q6: What land uses would you like to see expanded in the community? (Higher scores indicate more support)



Answered: 177 Skipped: 1

Mean Score (1-4)

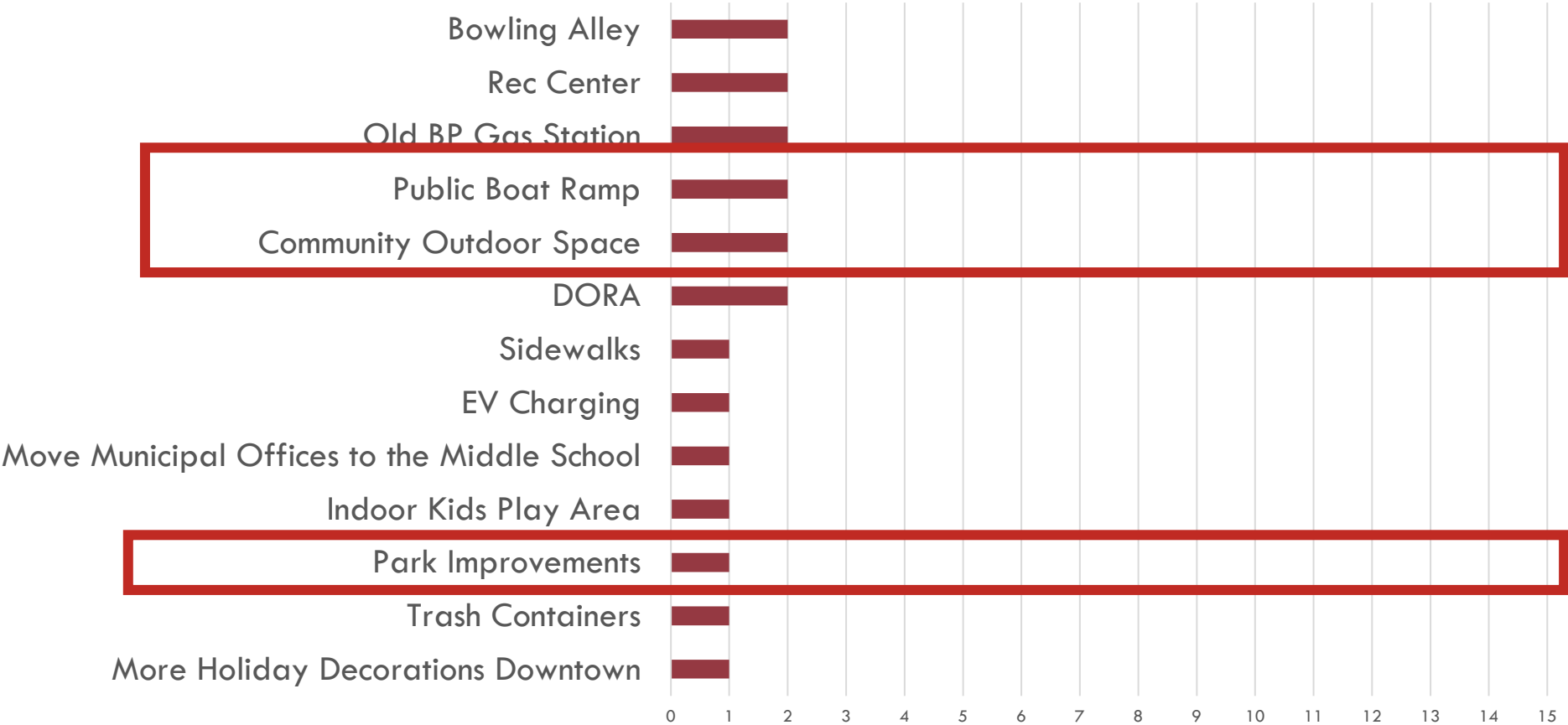
Q8: What enhancements and amenities would you like to see added in the downtown?



Answered: 118 Skipped: 60

Number of Responses

Q8: What enhancements and amenities would you like to see added in the downtown? (Cont'd)



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Number of Responses

Portage River / Coastal Resiliency Focus Area Topics

- ⇒ Infrastructure
- ⇒ Water Quality
- ⇒ Natural Habitats
- ⇒ Recreation, Tourism, Jobs
- ⇒ Regulatory Tools (Zoning, Conservation Practices, etc.)

Stakeholders

- ⇒ Oak Harbor
- ⇒ Ohio Sea Grant
- ⇒ CIC
- ⇒ OCRPC
- ⇒ Sanitary Engineer
- ⇒ Health Department
- ⇒ Soil & Water Conservation
- ⇒ Park District of Ottawa County & Portage River Water Trail
- ⇒ ODNR, Coastal Management

Thank you
