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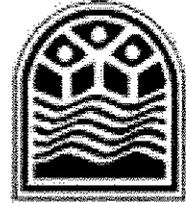
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### Second Public Input Session for West Boardman Lake on March 22 at St. Francis

**Traverse City, Mich., March 10, 2011** – The second session to get public input on the west shore of Boardman Lake will be held on March 22, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting location has been moved to the St. Francis High School cafeteria to make sure there is enough room for all who wish to participate.

This second session will review the input provided by over 70 participants at the February 23 meeting and share designs and plans based on that input.

Participants in the February meeting said that protection of natural resources and recreational opportunities were important, that there is a need to reduce traffic in Old Towne neighborhood, especially along Cass and Union, that data and information on traffic needs to be compiled and shared, and that all options should be explored and reviewed. A number of other opportunities and issues were identified – a listing and ranking scores are available on the City's website [www.ci.traverse-city.mi.us](http://www.ci.traverse-city.mi.us).

Designs and plans will be shared at the March 22 meeting, with the chance for participants to provide input on how well they meet opportunities and address issues.

The west side of Boardman Lake has historically been used for railroad and industrial operations and changes in the railroad use and available property represent a significant opportunity to provide for housing, business, and recreation.

There has been a good deal of discussion regarding the West Boardman Lake area, especially the proposed Boardman Lake Avenue and non-motorized trail development, most recently in 2004. This discussion has begun again with the possible acquisition of portions of railroad property from the State of Michigan. Combined with Brownfield funding, there is a unique opportunity for the community to determine the future of West Boardman Lake for recreation, redevelopment, and improved access.

Background information is available at the City's website, [www.ci.traverse-city.mi.us](http://www.ci.traverse-city.mi.us).

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