



# **WALDO Mill Pond and Dam**

**Responses to 2022 Citizen Opinion Survey**

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# **Executive Summary**

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## **Introduction**

To obtain input from area residents and property owners regarding current and future issues related to the Waldo Mill Pond and Onion River Dam, the nonprofit Waldo Pond Improvement Association (WPIA) partnered with the Sheboygan County UW-Extension Office to create an opinion survey. The questions were repeats from a similar survey conducted in late October of 2007, although some questions underwent minor revisions, while others from 2007 were not deemed essential to be included again.

A final draft of the survey was reviewed by the Waldo Village Board, which did not object to the distribution of the survey as long as it was clear that the survey was created by the WPIA and was “advisory only” to the Board.

Surveys were delivered by mail in early March 2022 to landowners, homeowners, businesses, and residential rental properties within the Village of Waldo or within the Town of Lyndon if adjacent to the Mill Pond or less than one mile downstream of the dam.

## **Respondents**

A proprietary step was taken during survey printing in the UW-Extension Office to protect the integrity of the survey results and to ensure a “one vote for each address” tally. In total, **61** of 234 surveys were returned — a response rate of **26.1%** — and entered by UW-Extension staff into an Excel spreadsheet.

Six questions at the end of the survey asked for information about individuals filling out the survey. Respondents’ ages were generally in their 50s and 60s; there were no respondents under the age of 25, which, unfortunately, is typical of community surveys. Almost 60% of the respondents had lived in the area for 20 years or longer, while only about 10% were “newcomers” who had moved into the area within the past 5 years.

## **Results**

Questions 1 through 7 focused on **existing conditions** — in particular, water quality, fishing, and possible odors from the pond. About half the respondents had little, if any, knowledge of existing conditions. A majority of those who did answer the questions generally indicated that weeds were substantial, water quality needed improving, and fishing was poor. Odors did not seem to be a major issue.

Questions 8 through 11 asked about the **usage of the Mill Pond and Memorial Park** area. Almost half of the respondents had not used the Waldo Mill Pond area for any activity in the past 12 months. Those who had were most likely to visit the site to enjoy the view and tranquility—especially those visitors who were over 55 years of age. The most cited reason for those who did not visit was shallow water depth.

Questions 12 through 15 fell under the heading of **Mill Pond access/safety**. Of those respondents who knew enough about the site, 22% indicated that there was not enough public access, while 35% felt more could be done to improve safety.

Questions 16 through 18 tried to determine how much people **value the Mill Pond**. A little over a third of the respondents were undecided about whether the pond and dam should remain, while 34% favored preservation and 29.5% preferred to see the dam removed and the Onion River restored. This was a substantial change from the 2007 survey results, where 64% were in favor of keeping the pond and dam.

A total of 52% of respondents felt the Pond was "very important," "important," or "somewhat important." It was "not important" to 37%, and 12% had no opinion.

Questions 19 and 20 touched on **management options**. As in 2007, the top strategy respondents favored for addressing concerns with the pond involved removing accumulated sediments (dredging). "Applying for grants" was seen as a top priority, which dovetailed well with the next set of questions on **funding options**, where grants and other government aid programs were chosen by 75% of respondents as the preferred way to obtain funds.

Finally, under **general issues and comments**, 17 respondents indicated they'd be willing to get involved with the WPIA. Most people still felt a newsletter was the best way for the WPIA to provide information, as was the case back in 2007. Social media was second.

## **Methodology and Response Rate**

Prior to the distribution of the survey, Kevin Struck from the Extension Office met several times with interested WPIA members to review and revise the questions for this opinion survey, as well as the details of printing, distribution, and tabulation. To promote a fair tally, the WPIA decided to limit survey distribution to one survey per household or business.

Most questions were repeats from a similar survey conducted in 2007, although some questions underwent minor revisions, while others from 2007 were not deemed essential enough to be included again. A final draft of the survey was reviewed by the Waldo Village Board in February 2022. The Board did not object to the distribution of the survey as long as it was clear that the survey was created by the WPIA and was “advisory only” to the Board.

Surveys were delivered by first class mail in early March 2022. The mailing list included addresses from a recent Sheboygan County tax parcel database and address layer that included landowners, homeowners, businesses, and some residential rental properties within the Village of Waldo or within the Town of Lyndon if adjacent to the Mill Pond or less than one mile downstream of the dam. Duplicate names for individuals owning more than one parcel were removed. Residential rental properties were addressed to “Current Resident.”

Enclosures included the six-page survey; a two-page fact sheet with background information about the pond and dam; a stamped return envelope addressed to the UW-Extension Office; and a one-page WPIA membership form.

The deadline for the survey’s return was March 21, 2022; however, because surveys continued to be received after the initial deadline, they were accepted and tallied until April 11, by which time the daily returns had slowed to one or less per day. Ultimately, a total of 18 surveys were received after the initial deadline.

Ultimately, 238 surveys were mailed out; 4 of these were returned by the USPS as undeliverable, leaving a final total of **234**. Of these, **61** surveys were completed and returned — a response rate of **26.1%**. For comparison’s sake, the response rate for the 2007 Waldo Mill Pond survey was 47 surveys returned out of 286 mailed — a rate of 16.4%. (Response rates for community planning surveys completed in Sheboygan County over the last 15 years have typically been in the 25% to 35% range.)

## **Technical Notes**

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### **I. Format of Results**

The results for each question are shown with the percentage of those who responded to each choice, followed by the actual number of respondents in parenthesis. Example: **37%** (22)

### **II. Calculating percentages for "check one" questions**

Percentages for these questions were calculated by dividing the number of responses to each choice by the total number of respondents to the particular question.

### **III. Calculating percentages for "check all that apply" questions**

Percentages for questions where respondents were invited to check more than one possible response were calculated by dividing the number of responses for each choice listed by the total number of responses to the question. Because respondents were not limited to one choice, this naturally yields a total percentage that exceeds 100% and is not an error.

### **IV. Fractional results for Question 9**

The totals for two of the choices to this Question contain fractions of whole numbers because one of the "Other" responses specified both water depth and water quality, so a half a response was added to each of those two choices.

### **V. Fractional results for Question 19**

The totals for two of the choices to this Question contain fractions of whole numbers due to some respondents ranking two choices the same.

### **VI. Fractional results for Question 23**

The totals for two of the choices to this Question contain fractions of whole numbers due to a small number of respondents checking more than one answer for a question where only one answer was expected.

In such instances, the respondent's answers were allocated in proportion to the number of answers he/she gave. This was deemed to be more fair than eliminating the response altogether or giving the respondent multiple "votes."

### **VII. Quality control**

No unauthorized/duplicate copies of the survey were detected.



## Respondent Characteristics

*What was the most common age range of those filling out the survey? (Q26)*

Under 18 yrs: **0%** (0)

18-24 yrs: **0%** (0)

25-34 yrs: **5%** (3)

35-44 yrs: **5%** (3)

45-54 yrs: **17%** (10)

55-64 yrs: **24%** (14)

65-74 yrs: **36%** (21)

75+ yrs: **12%** (7)

(No response): (3)

2020 ACS

15%

14%

13%

12%

8%

5%

57% of people who filled out the 2007 survey were between the ages of 35-54. As would be expected 15 years later, the bulk of the respondents are now in the 55-74 age range.

As the year 2020 American Community Survey data shows, the age range of respondents is not truly representative of the Village population. This could have an impact on survey results.

*How long have respondents lived in the area? (Q29)*

Less than 5 yrs: **11%** (6)

5-10 yrs: **11%** (6)

11-19 yrs: **14%** (8)

20-29 yrs: **7%** (4)

30-39 yrs: **14%** (8)

40-49 yrs: **14%** (8)

50 yrs or more: **29%** (16)

(No response): (5)

Although 64% of the respondents have lived in the area for at least 20 years, there is at least some input from "newcomers."

*What percentage of respondents live in Waldo vs. Lyndon? (Q28)*

◆ Waldo: **82.5%**

◆ Lyndon: **17.5%**

(No response): (4)

*What percentage of respondents own their property? Rent? (Q27)*

- ◆ Own: **95%**
- ◆ Rent: **0%**
- ◆ Rent and own: **5%**

(No response): (3)

*What percentage of respondents own property and/or reside adjacent to the Pond? (Q30)*

- Adjacent: **9%** (5)
  - Not adjacent: **91%** (53)
- (No response): (3)

The survey was returned by 5 of the 6 survey recipients who own and/or reside adjacent to the Pond.

*What percentage of respondents own a business in Waldo? (Q31)*

- ◆ Own a business in Waldo: **17%** (10)
- ◆ Don't own a business in Waldo: **83%** (48)

(No response): (3)

## Survey Results

### - EXISTING CONDITIONS -

<p><b>Q1: On average, during summers, aquatic plant/weed growth in the Mill Pond has been: (check one)</b></p> <p>Don't know <b>58%</b> (35)          Light – very little <b>15%</b> (9)          Moderate – just right <b>13%</b> (8)          Heavy – weeds limit my use of some of the Mill Pond <b>8%</b> (5)          Dense – weeds ruin my ability to enjoy the Mill Pond in any manner <b>5%</b> (3)          (No response): (1)</p>	<p>16 out of 26 respondents familiar with Waldo Mill Pond conditions checked "moderate," "heavy," or "dense."</p> <p><b>2007 survey results...</b></p> <p>Don't know <b>38%</b>          Light <b>23%</b>          Heavy <b>21%</b>          Moderate <b>17%</b>          Dense <b>0%</b></p>
<p><b>Q2: Is there a need to improve the water quality (clarity, temperature, etc.) of the Mill Pond?</b></p> <p>Don't know <b>54%</b> (33)          Yes <b>31%</b> (19)          No <b>15%</b> (9)          (No response): (0)</p>	<p>60% answered yes in the fall of 2007.</p> <p>When the 2022 results were recalculated to compare the responses of long-time residents (20+ years) to newer residents, the percentages for both groups were nearly identical.</p>
<p><b>Q3: Fishing on the Waldo Mill Pond is: (check one)</b></p> <p>Don't know <b>50%</b> (30)          Poor <b>25%</b> (15)          Fair <b>13%</b> (8)          Good <b>12%</b> (7)          Excellent <b>0%</b> (0)          (No response): (1)</p>	<p>24% of long-time residents felt the fishing was "poor," which was nearly the same as newer residents.</p> <p><b>2007 survey results...</b></p> <p>Don't know <b>34%</b>          Fair <b>32%</b>          Poor <b>30%</b>          Good <b>4%</b>          Excellent <b>0%</b></p>

**Q4: In 2020, the Waldo Pond Improvement Association oversaw the stocking of 375 bluegills in the pond. In your opinion, stocking game fish in the Mill Pond is:**

Don't know **37%** (22)  
 Needed **27%** (16)  
 Not needed **18%** (11)  
 Much needed **8%** (5)  
 Not sure **7%** (4)  
 Slightly needed **3%** (2)  
 (No response): (1)

**A total of 38% indicated that fish stocking was needed to some extent – in contrast to 18% who said it was not needed.**

**Q5: Do fishing opportunities for children and families need to be improved?**

Yes **44%** (26)  
 Don't know **42%** (25)  
 No **14%** (8)  
 (No response): (2)

**2007 survey results...**

**Yes 55%**  
**Don't know 30%**  
**No 15%**

**If yes, how can they be improved?**

- Add pier/dock (5 comments)
- Remove dam to restore natural stream (3 comments)
- Better/easier access (3 comments)
- Open more areas along south shoreline
- More fish, more variety of fish, more spots to fish
- Stocking, habitat important
- Allow fishing of all types on the Mill Pond – not just fly fishing
- Cleaner pond, no stream
- Mill pond needs to be deeper
- If the dam is kept – dredging; if the dam is not kept – trails along river for hiking and fishing
- Drain down the pond – improve the bottom conditions – it refill & restock
- Amount of weeds
- Porta potty

**2022 results for <54 yrs. old**

**Yes 37.5%**  
**Don't know 50%**  
**No 6%**

**2022 results for 55+ yrs. old**

**Yes 47%**  
**Don't know 40%**  
**No 14%**

**Q6: On average during summers, which of the following best describes your experiences with any odors from the Mill Pond?**

No odor detected **53%** (29)  
 Mild **24%** (13)  
 Faint **15%** (8)  
 Strong **9%** (5)  
 Overwhelming **0%** (0)  
 (No response): (6)

**If you detected an odor, what was the extent of the odor?**

Extended just beyond the shoreline of the Mill Pond **63%** (17)  
 Limited to the Mill Pond **33%** (9)  
 Extended several blocks from the Mill Pond **4%** (1)  
 The odor could be detected throughout Waldo **0%** (0)

**2007 survey results...**

No odor detected **53%**  
 Faint **17%**  
 Mild **15%**  
 Strong **2%**  
 Overwhelming **2%**

**The 5 property owners adjacent to the Mill Pond who returned the 2022 survey did not indicate any significant issues with odors from the Pond.**

**Q7: Are there other problems/issues regarding the Waldo Mill Pond that should be addressed?**

Don't know **60%** (33)  
 Yes **22%** (12)  
 No **18%** (10)  
 (No response): (6)

**If yes, please specify:**

- Improve road/driveway/launch area (4 comments)
- Improve safety; dam area is dangerous (2 comments)
- Remove dam (2 comments)
- Obvious markers of personal property & extent of "Waldo Pond" boundaries would be great. Possibly a PVC tube to hold plastic bags for disposal of dog poop in trash can under shelter. Would love to see hill by dam terraced in a way you can easily walk (path & railing) near the edge without fear.
- Village continues to delay on bringing dam into compliance and is too lax in maintaining north berm
- If keeping the dam, clarity in water & plants that provide food & spawning areas (cribs) remove most carp – they also the bottom is sludge of plant & waste
- The dam is being under-used – a hydro-electric unit should be installed, the profits from the sale of electricity could fund improvements & maintenance of the pond – dam and eco-environment. Hydro is 90% efficient the ultimate green energy
- Too shallow

**- MILL POND USES -**

**Q8: During the past 12 months, which of the following activities have you participated in, on, or around the Waldo Mill Pond? (check all that apply)**

- Enjoying the view, peace and tranquility **48%** (29)
- Haven't used the Waldo Mill Pond for any activity during the past 12 months **43%** (26)
- Wildlife observation **34%** (21)
- Fishing **18%** (11)
- Boating **15%** (9)
- Entertaining friends and relatives **13%** (8)
- Picnicking **11%** (7)
- Norbert Hintz Memorial Park use **11%** (7)
- Photography **3%** (2) [from "Other"]
- Ice skating **3%** (2)
- Snowmobiling **1.6%** (1)
- Kayaking **1.6%** (1) [from "Other"]
- Hunting **0%** (0)
- Ice fishing **0%** (0)
- Swimming **0%** (0)
- Miscellaneous, from "Other" (2)

Subtracting the 26 respondents who hadn't used the Pond for any activity in the last 12 months would change the top percentages. Of those who *have* used the Pond, 83% did so for enjoying the view, 60% for wildlife observation, and 31% for fishing.

Older residents (55+ yrs) were far more likely to use the site for enjoying the view, fishing, and picnicking than younger residents.

"Enjoying the view," "Wildlife observation," and "Fishing" were the top 3 responses in 2007. Only 12% indicated they hadn't used the Pond during the past 12 months.

**Q9: If you haven't used the Waldo Mill Pond for any activity during the past 12 months please indicate why not. (check all that apply)**

- Water depth too shallow **26%** (7.5)
- Didn't provide the types of uses/activities I was looking for **24%** (7)
- Poor water quality **22%** (6.5)
- Poor fishing **17%** (5)
- Didn't know how to access it **14%** (4)
- Didn't know it existed **10%** (3)
- Didn't have time **10%** (3) [from "Other"]
- No need or reason to visit **10%** (3) [from "Other"]
- Miscellaneous, from "Other" (4)

"Didn't have enough time" was the top response in 2007. Access, water depth, and water quality did not seem to be major issues.

**Q10: Should Norbert Hintz Memorial Park (adjacent to the dam) continue to be improved?**

No opinion **49%** (29)

Yes **39%** (23)

No **12%** (7)

(No response): (2)

**If yes, what improvements would you like to see?**

- Removing dead trees and brush
- Clear cut tree & make more of a park
- Maintenance & removing invasive species
- Brush clean up, grade the road more
- The road to get to the park needs to be fixed and widened
- I didn't know a park existed there
- No idea what this area consists of – (some of us weren't born here & there's no sign)
- Playground for kids, should not have to cross highway
- Porta potty
- I think this is a nice village thing and should be improved along with other projects
- It's looking good the "Waldo Pond" crew are doing a great job. I'd like to see another Bald Eagle nest.
- If the dam would be removed maybe some more paths around stream with benches
- Safety – lighting & cameras

**"Didn't know a park existed there" comment made by a resident who has lived in the area less than 5 years.**

**"No idea what this area consists of—" comment made by a 5-10 year resident.**

**Q11: Which one of the following best describes your opinion about the use of motorized boats on the Waldo Mill Pond?**

No motorized boats should be allowed with the exception of electric trolling motors **38%** (23)

No opinion **31%** (19)

No motorized boats should be allowed **21%** (13)

Motorized boats should be allowed **10%** (6)

(No response): (0)

**2007 survey results...**

**No motorized boats except electric trolling 57%**

**Allow motorized boats 16%**

**No opinion 14%**

**No motorized allowed 12%**

**- MILL POND ACCESS / SAFETY -**

**Q12: Public access to the Waldo Mill Pond can best be described as:**

Adequate access **57%** (35)  
 Don't know/no opinion **26%** (16)  
 Not enough access **16%** (10)  
 Too much access **0%** (0)  
 (No response): (0)

**2007 survey results...**

**Adequate access 59%**  
**Not enough access 28%**  
**Don't know 13%**  
**Too much access 0%**

**Q13: Is there a need to mark/sign areas around the Waldo Mill Pond to identify public vs. private lands?**

Yes **45%** (27)  
 No opinion **38%** (23)  
 No **17%** (10)  
 (No response): (1)

**2007 survey results...**

**Yes 81%**  
**No 11%**  
**No opinion 8.5%**

**Q14: Is there a need to improve the safety around the Mill Pond dam / spillway?**

No opinion **47.5%** (28)  
 No **34%** (20)  
 Yes **19%** (11)  
 (No response): (2)

**2007 survey results...**

**Yes 48%**  
**No 28%**  
**No opinion 24%**

***If yes, please explain:***

- Improve walkway and water access
- Need a walk platform to cross over to the other side
- Hill going down needs terracing at a minimum
- Just take out the dam. It will save monies for other project within the village
- Remove dam
- Very shallow – weeds and the cost to taxpayer
- Safety is always to be an interest
- Hard to show small kids where not to go



**Q15: For safety/security purposes, is there a need for a gate and lighting at Norbert Hintz Memorial Park?**

No opinion **38%** (23)  
 No, a gate and lighting are not needed **32%** (19)  
 Just lighting is needed **23%** (14)  
 Yes, a gate and lighting are needed **5%** (3)  
 Just a gate is needed **1.7%** (1)  
 (No response): (1)

**2007 survey results...**

**Just lighting 34%**  
**No opinion 25.5%**  
**No gate or lighting needed 23%**  
**Yes, gate, lighting needed 15%**  
**Just a gate needed 2%**

**- MILL POND VALUES -**

**Q16: Which one of the following statements do you most agree with?**

Undecided about the future of the Mill Pond and dam **36%** (22)  
 The Waldo Mill Pond should be preserved (by not removing the dam) **34%** (21)  
 The Onion River should be restored to a Class 1 trout stream, as it is upstream (by removing the dam) **29.5%** (18)  
 (No response): (0)

**In 2007, when asked a similar question, 64% felt the Pond and dam should be preserved.**

**Q17: How important overall is the Waldo Mill Pond to you and your household?**

Not important **37%** (22)  
 Somewhat important **25%** (15)  
 Very important **15%** (9)  
 Important **12%** (7)  
 No opinion **12%** (7)  
 (No response): (1)

**Although 37% indicated the Mill Pond was not important to them, a total of 52% indicated the Pond was at least of some importance.**

**Only 47% of long-time residents (20+ years), however, said the Pond was at least of some importance, a bit less than the 58% of newer residents.**

**Q18: Is the Mill Pond important for tourism?**

No **45%** (27)  
 Don't know/no opinion **33%** (20)  
 Yes **22%** (13)

**2007 survey results...**

**No 39%**  
**Yes 35%**  
**Don't know 26%**

**- MANAGEMENT OPTIONS -**

**Q19: Looking at the long-term, please rank the following management options in order of preference, with 1 being your most preferred and 4 your least preferred. (If you add an "Other," then rank 1 - 5.)**

Remove accumulated sediments in the Mill Pond (dredging) **124 pts**

Drawdown/drain water out of the Mill Pond for a period of time to control weeds and allow sediments to compact **103.5 pts**

Removal of the dam (eliminate the Mill Pond) **102 pts**

Do nothing **87.5 pts**

(No response): (8)

**"Remove accumulated sediments in the Mill Pond (dredging)" was the top response in 2007 to a similar question.**

**The "Other" choice totaled 15 points.**

**Q20: What types of activities should the Village of Waldo, the Waldo Pond Improvement Association, and any other interested groups be involved with? (check all that apply)**

Applying for grants **75%** (40)

Maintaining Mill Pond access **57%** (30)

Monitoring of the Mill Pond (water clarity, temperature, etc.) **43%** (23)

Improving fish habitat (with DNR permit) **36%** (19)

Providing info and updates via a newsletter, website, social media, etc. **32%** (17)

Stocking fish (with DNR permit) **32%** (17)

Developing an aquatic management plan **25%** (13)

Owning, operating the dam (with permit) **25%** (13)

Maintaining an up-to-date lake management plan **23%** (12)

Contracting for aquatic plant removal **21%** (11)

Developing a water recreation plan **17%** (9)

Installing, operating an aerator (with DNR permit) **15%** (8)

(No response): (8)

**The "Other (specify)" choice included 9 miscellaneous comments without any major themes.**

**- COST / FUNDING -**

**Q21: Are you willing to have tax dollars used for the Waldo Mill Pond and/or dam?**

Yes **45%** (27)  
 No **35%** (21)  
 No opinion **20%** (12)  
 (No response): (1)

**2007 survey results...**

**Yes 43%**  
**No 39%**  
**No opinion 17%**

**Q22: Costs associated with the Waldo Mill Pond and/or dam should be paid by: (check all that apply)**

Grants and other government aid programs, if available **75%** (43)  
 Concerned citizens , donations, and fund raisers **60%** (34)  
 Community organizations **28%** (16)  
 Village of Waldo taxpayers **25%** (14)  
 Village of Waldo and Town of Lyndon taxpayers **25%** (14)  
 Sheboygan County taxpayers **21%** (12)  
 Special assessments on Mill Pond property owners **18%** (10)  
 Business and industry **12%** (7)  
 Other **12%** (7) [No major themes]  
 (No response): (4)

**The top three responses in 2022 were also the top 3 in 2007.**

**- OTHER ISSUES / COMMENTS -**

**Q23: During the summer of 2007, the Waldo Pond Improvement Association was established to preserve and protect the Waldo Mill Pond. Would you be willing to get involved with this organization?**

No **68%** (36)

Yes **32%** (17)

(No response): (8)

***If no, why not?***

Don't care **19%** (7)

Don't feel I have the necessary skills **18%** (6.5)

Would require too much time **15%** (5.5)

Other people are more qualified **14%** (5)

It's not my style to get involved **3%** (1)

**2007 survey results...**

**No 60%**

**Yes 40%**

**"Other" was selected by 14 respondents; 6 of these respondents indicated the reason they wouldn't get involved is because in their opinion the pond and dam should not exist.**

**Q24: What is the most effective way the Waldo Pond Improvement Association can provide information on issues/activities?**

Newsletter **45%** (25)

Social media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter) **38%** (21)

Direct mail fact sheets **24%** (13)

E-mail **24%** (13)

Website **24%** (13)

Newspaper articles **13%** (7)

Regular WPIA membership meetings **11%** (6)

Separate public information meetings **9%** (5)

Other **5%** (3) [No major themes]

(No response): (6)

**"Newsletter" was also the top response in 2007.**

**"Newspaper articles," which was second in 2007, has now dropped to sixth.**

**"Social media" was not listed as an option in 2007.**

***Q25: Are there any issues, programs, or projects the Waldo Pond Improvement Association should be addressing?***

- Take out dam and work on a fishing stream and park
- Saving the pond is too big of a project for a volunteer organization
- I have lived in Waldo for 16 years. Been to the millpond twice. Would maybe have utilized it when the kids were little if there were decent access. All I saw is a small opening. No real place to stand & fish. I don't even know the boundaries of the park that is there, or realized there is a park.
- If enough trees were removed near the dam the Kettle Area Flyers RC Club would use the mill pond for float flying. The water is very calm, ideal for RC Float Flying
- For me I would like water access. I don't need the pond, a river is fine. The way to get to that water needs to be improved to enjoy the experience more.
- Fish stocking
- Yes how to remove the dam and come up with a plan to manage/improve the Onion River as a natural stream
- I'm opposed to outside special interest groups spending our tax money without the concerns of others – selfish!!!
- Start with road to and signs marking trails
- The spillway (center of the dam) should be removed & let nature go its way
- 1) Continue to care for the park area. 2) Continue to hold fund raisers. 3) Continue to hold carp tournaments and other public events. 4) Provide resource's and explore the availability of programs, grants, and opportunities provided and forward that information to the village board and help spearhead the movement towards a sustainable future of the Waldo Mill Pond.
- Under the current threats to safety – lighting & camera surveillance
- The Wakkee Paddlers Kayak Group uses the Waldo Mill Pond every year and find it to be a wonderful peaceful paddle. A little-known treasure.