

APPENDIX B
SUMMARY FINDINGS
PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

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WATERFRONT PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY

Equal numbers of the Stony Point Waterfront Public Opinion Survey form have been distributed at each of the two Grand Union Supermarkets, one in the northern area of Town and one on the southern border, on Saturday, March 19, 1988 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

204 surveys were completed at that time. 17 respondents were non-residents. A separate analysis was conducted for this group.

Question 1 187 respondents were Stony Point Town residents.

Question 2 Approximately 55% of the respondents lived west of Route 9W, 22% lived east of Route 9W.

Question 3 63% of the respondents indicated viewing as a primary waterfront recreational activity.

38.5% picnicked on the waterfront, 37.4% were boating enthusiasts, while 34.2% participated in fishing or crabbing.

*Question 4a 29.4% of the respondents believed that fishing/crabbing facilities should be improved.

26.2% thought picnic areas should be expanded or improved.

24% believed biking facilities should be improved.

*Open ended question with examples.

Question 4b 34.2% suggested that they would like to see more parks.

31% believed additional bike trails should be provided.

29.4% of the respondents suggested that a public boat launch should be provided.

Question 5 More than 76% of the respondents believed that protecting waterfront views was very important, while only 2.3% did not think it to be important at all.

54.2% believed that increasing public access to the waterfront was very important while 8.9% thought it not to be important.

More than 87% of the respondents believed the preservation of historic resources (i.e., structures: House of Prayers Church; landscapes: Stony Point Battlefield, Iona Island) to be very important while only 3.4% thought it was not important at all.

Between 35-47% believed the preservation of private marina uses and industrial/commercial water dependent uses to be important.

Question 6 Between 73-74% of the respondents considered commercial development and or the construction of condominiums and townhouses not an important use for any undeveloped waterfront parcel on Grassy Point, while approximately 12.5% believed these uses to be very important.

63.8% of the respondents considered a park or boat launch a very important use for any undeveloped parcel, only 6.1% considered this not to be an important use.

48% believed a fishing pier to be very important.

32.3% believed a marina to be a very important use while more than 43% believed this not to be an important use at all.

Question 7 Approximately 54% of the respondents disapprove of the expansion of private marinas while 21% favor this policy.

More than 71% favor the possibility of creating a public boat launch off Grassy Point; only 15.7% disapprove such action.

83.1% of the respondents favor the possibility of developing a trail connecting Stony Point Battlefield with Tomkins Cove and Grassy Point. 3.1% disapprove of this concept.

More than 82% favor the acquisition of waterfront property when it becomes available; only 6.9% disapprove of this action.

87.9% favor working with Palisades Interstate Park Commission to possibly rehabilitate the dock areas at Stony Point Battlefield historic site.

Question 8 More than 86% of the respondents believe it is appropriate for Stony Point to purchase additional land for recreation and public access to the waterfront.

Only 23.4% favor keeping the waterfront as it is today.

1. Number of respondents who reside in the Town of Stony Point: 187

2. Place of Residence:

Grassy Point	5	3%
Jones Point	11	6%
Tomkins Cove	18	10%
East of Route 9W	41	22%
West of Route 9W	103	55%
None of Above	19	4.8%

3. Recreational activities in which you presently participate on the Stony Point Waterfront:

a. Fishing/Crabbing	64	34.2%
b. Picnicking	72	38.5%
c. Boating	70	37.4%
d. Hiking	58	31%
e. Biking	43	23%
f. Viewing	118	63.1%
g. Other	10	5.3%

*4.A. Which do you believe need more or improved facilities:

a. Fishing/Crabbing	55	29.4%
b. Picnicking	49	26.2%
c. Boating	38	20.3%
d. Hiking	38	20.3%
e. Biking	45	24%

B. What other amenities should be provided:

a. Jogging Trails	46	24.5%
b. Bike Trails	58	31%
c. Public Boat Launch	55	29.4%
d. Parks	64	34.2%
e. Picnic Tables	50	26.7%

* Open Ended Question