

Clayton Harbor Management Plan (HMP) Issues

1. Management and Safe Operation of Surface-Water Activities

- Boat congestion along Village shoreline and Potter's Beach on Grindstone Island
- Protection of water-related uses such as houseboats, boatyards and fish boats
- Protected water skiing area needed
- Large boat docking facilities with water and electricity needed
- Poor navigation under French Creek bridge for paddling. Needs dredging and restoration of natural marsh

2. Physical and Visual Public Access to the Water

- Limited physical public access, such as public swimming areas, fishing areas, public docks and transient marinas
- Limited parking access to canoe/kayak launch area on Washington Island Causeway
- No ferry access to Grindstone Island
- Protection of Wingerath property (undeveloped waterfront) from development
- French Creek bridge too narrow for walking, biking and fishing
- Conflict between public dock usage for boating and for fishing

3. Scenic Quality Protection of Harbor Management Area

- Preservation of existing views both from landside and waterside

4. Cultural and Environmental Resource Protection in the Harbor Management Area

- Protection of significant fish and wildlife habitat areas and wetland areas from boating activities
- Preservation and awareness of shipwrecks and diving opportunities
- Protection of water quality from pollution, especially combined sewer overflows

5. Issues of Regional Importance

- Regional, national and international tourism opportunities for economic growth underutilized, such as eco-tourism opportunities for birding and paddling.

HMP Questions

1. Please review the Water Surfaces Uses Map for corrections or additions to the information, especially the "congested boating" areas.
2. Are there any issues with navigation due to docks or marina structures?
3. Are there any issues with any winter activity on the river?