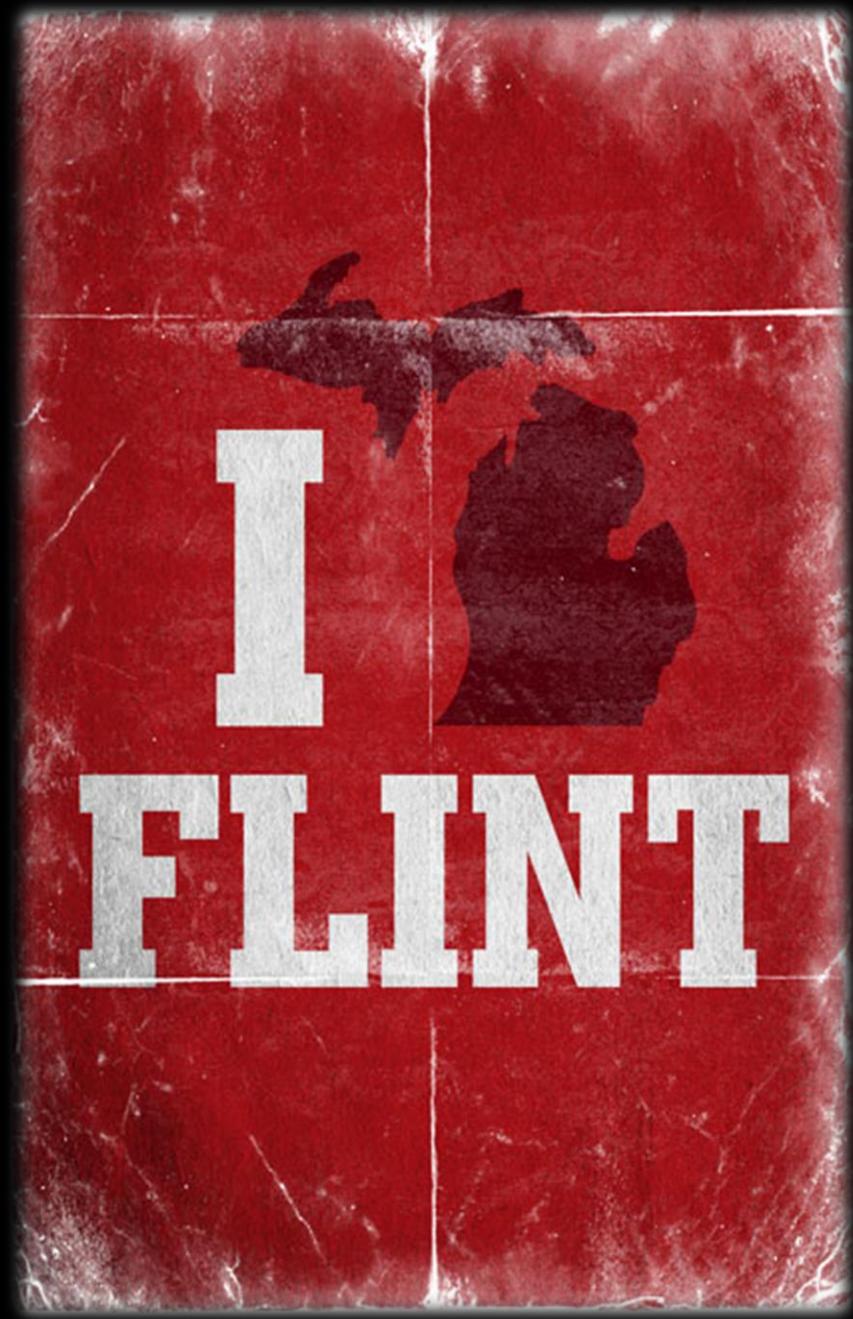


**YOU CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!**

**VISIONING SESSION FOR
THREAD LAKE
OCTOBER 8, 2013**



PEOPLE IN NEIGHBORHOODS & INSTITUTIONS ARE BUILDING A BETTER FLINT RIGHT NOW!



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HERE'S WHAT'S POSSIBLE.

As part of the Kearsley Park Block Revitalization Project, Peace Mobs Garden is a urban gardening project that demonstrates how to create and live a self sustainable and higher quality life in urban environments such as Flint.

FLINT MASTER PLAN
COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS
(PLEASE ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)

NOVEMBER 15, 2012
7PM TO 8:30PM
MT. OLIVE MISSIONARY
BAPTIST CHURCH
1601 FAY ST.

NOVEMBER 28, 2012
7PM TO 8:30PM
GREATER GALILEE
BAPTIST CHURCH
4418 INDUSTRIAL AVENUE

DECEMBER 13, 2012
7PM TO 8:30PM
COMMUNITY ACTION RESOURCE
DEPARTMENT (CCARD)
601 N. SAGINAW ST., SUITE 1B

When we all work together, great things can happen. Imagine Flint is your opportunity to help shape the future of your city. Join us and be part of the Comprehensive Master Plan process. **Imagine Flint. Here's What's Possible.**

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FLINT MASTER PLAN

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

- International Academy of Flint
- Flint River Watershed Coalition
- South Saginaw Business and Resident Association
- South Side Neighborhood Association
- Circle Drive Neighborhood Association
- Diplomat Specialty Pharmacy
- City of Flint Planning Department
- Elizabeth Jordan – Planning Commission Ward 9
- Denise Smith-Allen – Planning Commission Ward 7

THIS PROJECT INVOLVES



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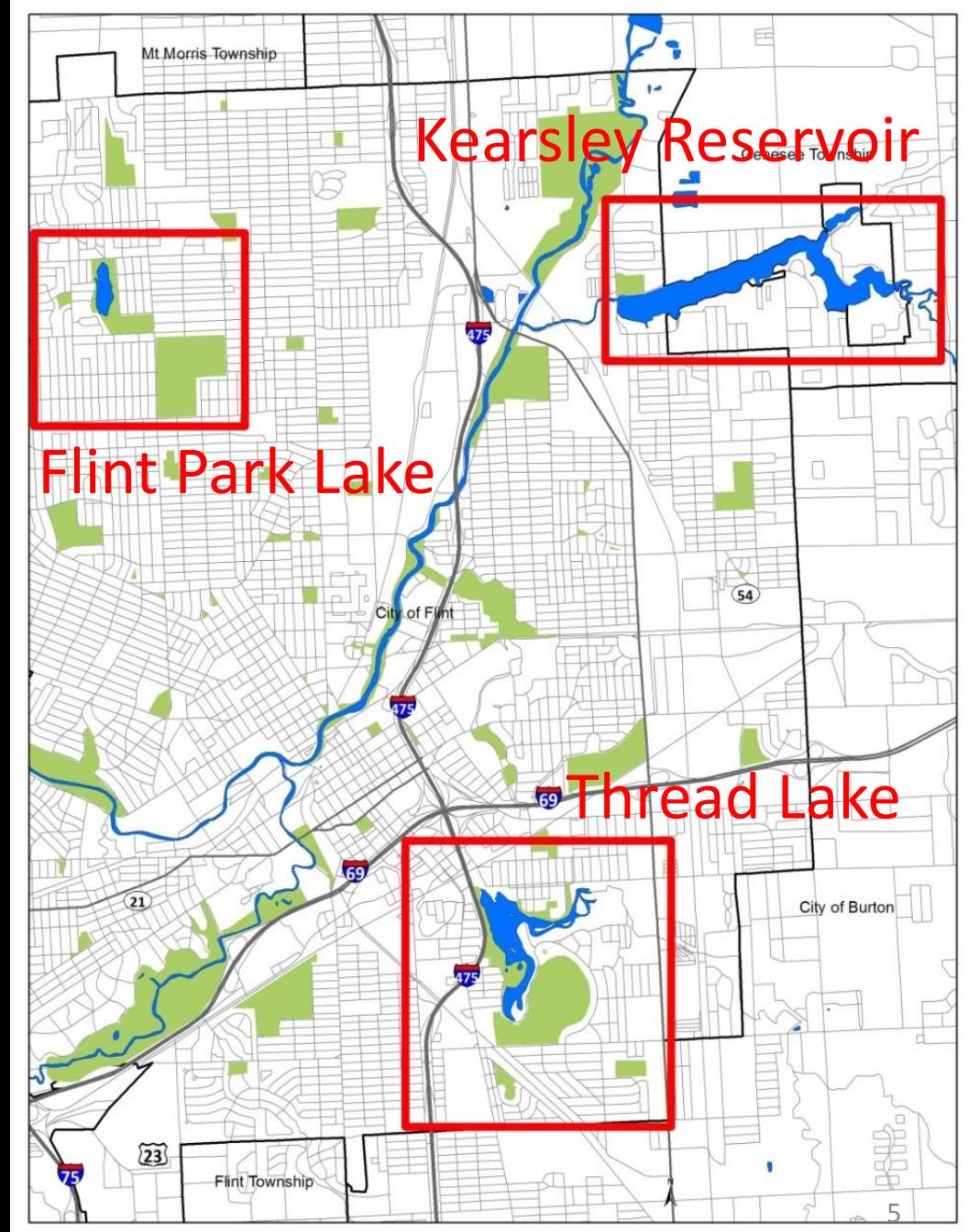
- THREE LAKES: **THREAD LAKE**, FLINT PARK LAKE, & KEARSLEY RESERVOIR
- EFFORTS TO REDISCOVER THE LAKES & IMPROVE WATER QUALITY
- IMAGINING A DIFFERENT FUTURE FOR THE LAKES
- ENGAGING NEIGHBORHOODS SURROUNDING THE LAKES



3 LAKES IN FLINT

ALL UNTAPPED
RESOURCES!

FULL of
OPPORTUNITIES!



WHAT ABOUT YOUR NEIGHBORHOODS...



TONIGHT we will all discuss together our visions for this area.

This will help us create a vision document for future plans around Thread Lake

What is your **VISION** for Thread Lake?

AN IMPROVED THREAD LAKE COULD HELP RESTORE 3 NEIGHBORHOODS



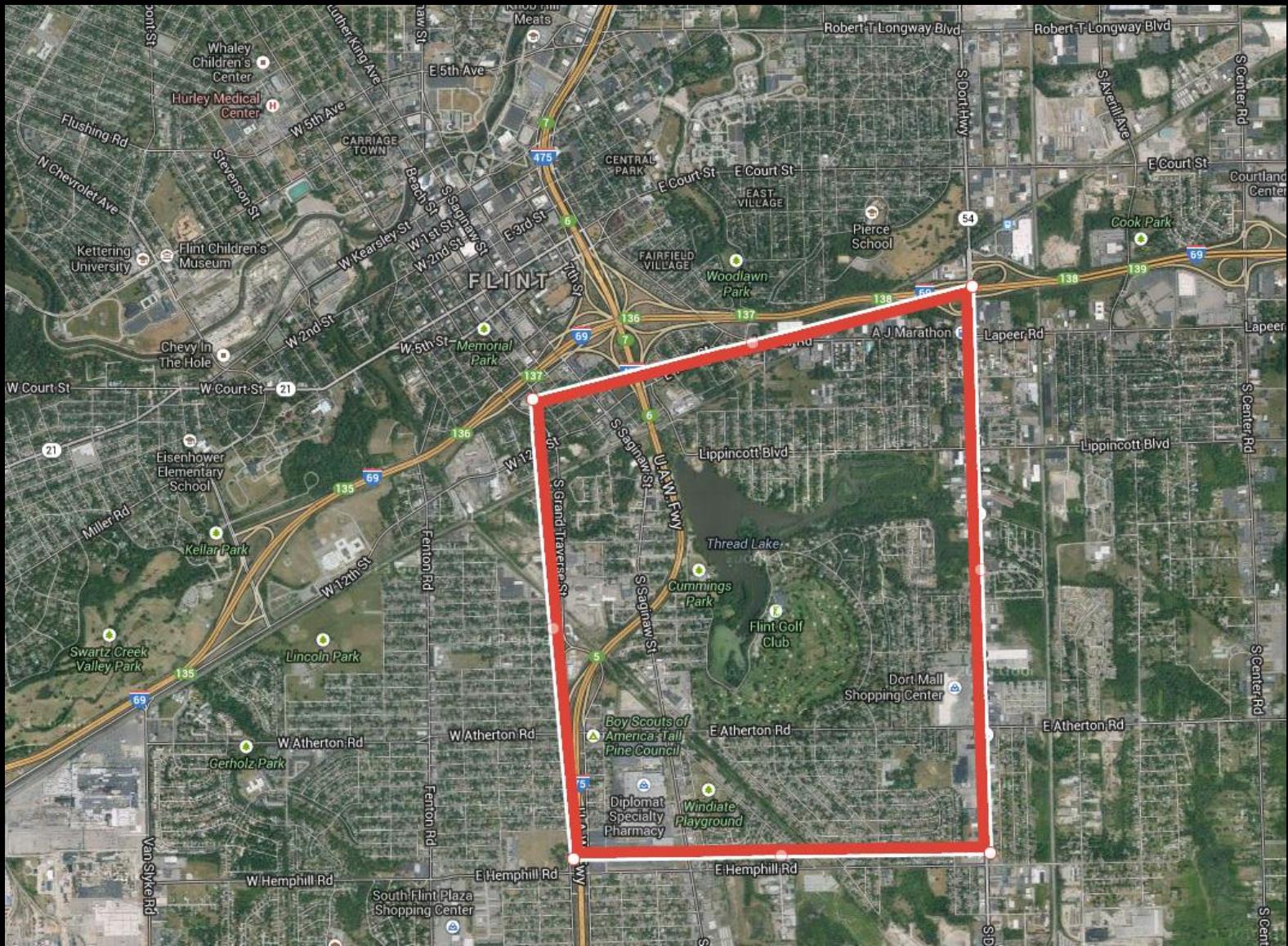
It could lead to:

- Improved recreation opportunities
- Reduced crime
- Safer places for kids
- An asset any neighborhood would be proud of

THREAD LAKE

- The current dam was constructed in 1973.
- The lake covers approximately 78 acres.
- US EPA conducted water quality assessments for Thread Lake in 2004, 2006, and 2008.
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were found in fish and the use was deemed “Impaired.”
- In 2007, the Thread Lake Dam was inspected by the MDEQ. They concluded that the dam is in poor condition.

THREAD LAKE



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PROJECT TIMELINE

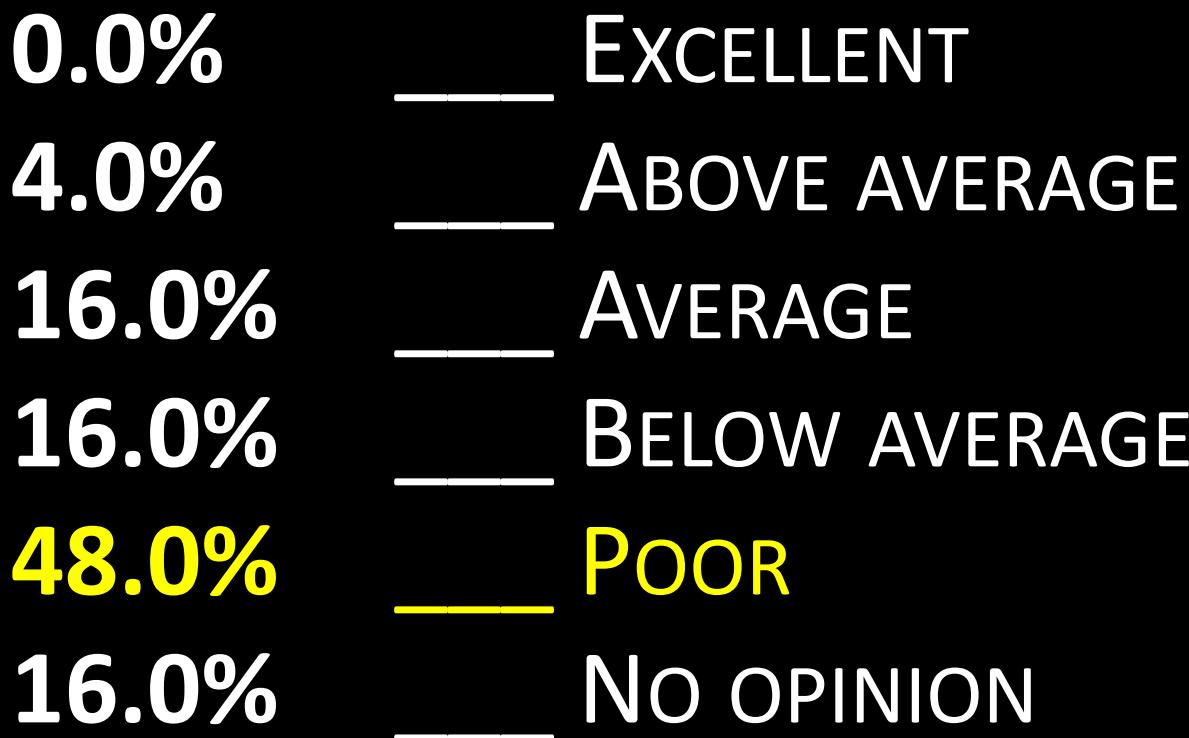
- Interviewed local neighborhood leaders
- Attended Southside Neighborhood Picnic (Aug, 2013)
- First Thread Lake Community Event (Sept, 2013)
- Collaborate with other efforts
- **Visioning Session for Thread Lake (TODAY)**
- Next Steps

THREAD LAKE COMMUNITY EVENT

September 7, 2013 at
Vista Center in Mckinley Park



What is your opinion of the water quality in Thread Lake?



How do you think water quality in Thread Lake has changed over the last 30 years?

10.5% GREATLY IMPROVED

15.8% IMPROVED

0.0% STAYED THE SAME

15.8% DIMINISHED

42.1% GREATLY DIMINISHED

15.8% NOT SURE OR DON'T KNOW

Identify 3 specific things that you like about Thread Lake.

- scenery on east side is *beautiful*
- *peaceful*
- the *Vista Center*
- I love the view of the lake in the wintertime
- *Wildlife*
- the *view* of downtown
- The *openness* and potential for wildlife interaction
- The lake can help *unify* 3 distinct neighborhoods
- Immediate *access* to 3 neighborhoods

Identify 3 specific improvements,
projects, or actions that you would like
to see ...

- Clean up lake as well as brush around lake, dead trees
- Walking and Biking trails
- More fishing opportunities
- Dredging, particularly south end
- Community events, outdoor movies and music, activities to include the population in the area
- Create a public beach for swimming
- Build a boardwalk around public areas
- Disc golf, clean park

OTHER COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS ...

- The Thread Lake area is a **diamond waiting to be polished** and enjoyed by all the community, not just developers or wealthy.
- Need more **things for the kids** to do around here to keep them out of trouble.
- Is development the push of this organization? **How can public access be guaranteed?**
- **Remove abandoned homes** and **improve appearance** of surrounding neighborhoods.
- This lake is a **thread in the ecological web**.
- A **senior center** would be nice.
- To make it better for kids and adults to both enjoy.
- I would like to thank you for opening my eyes to a better Flint.

Which of the following recreation activities would you like to see on Thread Lake?

MOST REQUESTED:

- FISHING
- WALKING TRAILS
- PICNIC AREAS
- PLAYGROUND

IDEAS FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- Bike/Walking Trails
- Boat launch
- Clean lake, improve for swimming/fishing
- Outdoor music/movies/fireworks
- More kids/family activities
- Senior center
- Walking trail with stations for fitness activities
- Clean up roadside brush for better views of lake and the island on the lake
- Crossing bridge
- “There’s a boat launch and open lawn next to the lake, with a mower and picnic table it could become a park”
- “I would like to have the public swimming pool back!!!”

Should some of the private land around the Lake be sold to private investors for the purposes of development?

31.6% YES

47.4% No

21.0% NOT SURE

BACKGROUND ON THE AUDIENCE

- How many have lived in Flint for 50 or more years?
- Thirty or more years?

- How many have lived within 1 mile of Thread Lake for 30 or more years?

- How many have swam in the Lake?
- How many have fished in the lake?
- How many have picnicked at the Lake?

- How many have used the baseball field or basketball or tennis courts?
- How many have used/visited the Vista Center?
- How many attended our ice cream social on September 7, 2013?

**WHAT IS YOUR DREAM
FOR THREAD LAKE?**

OPPORTUNITIES



ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE!

OPPORTUNITIES



It is OK to DREAM BIG

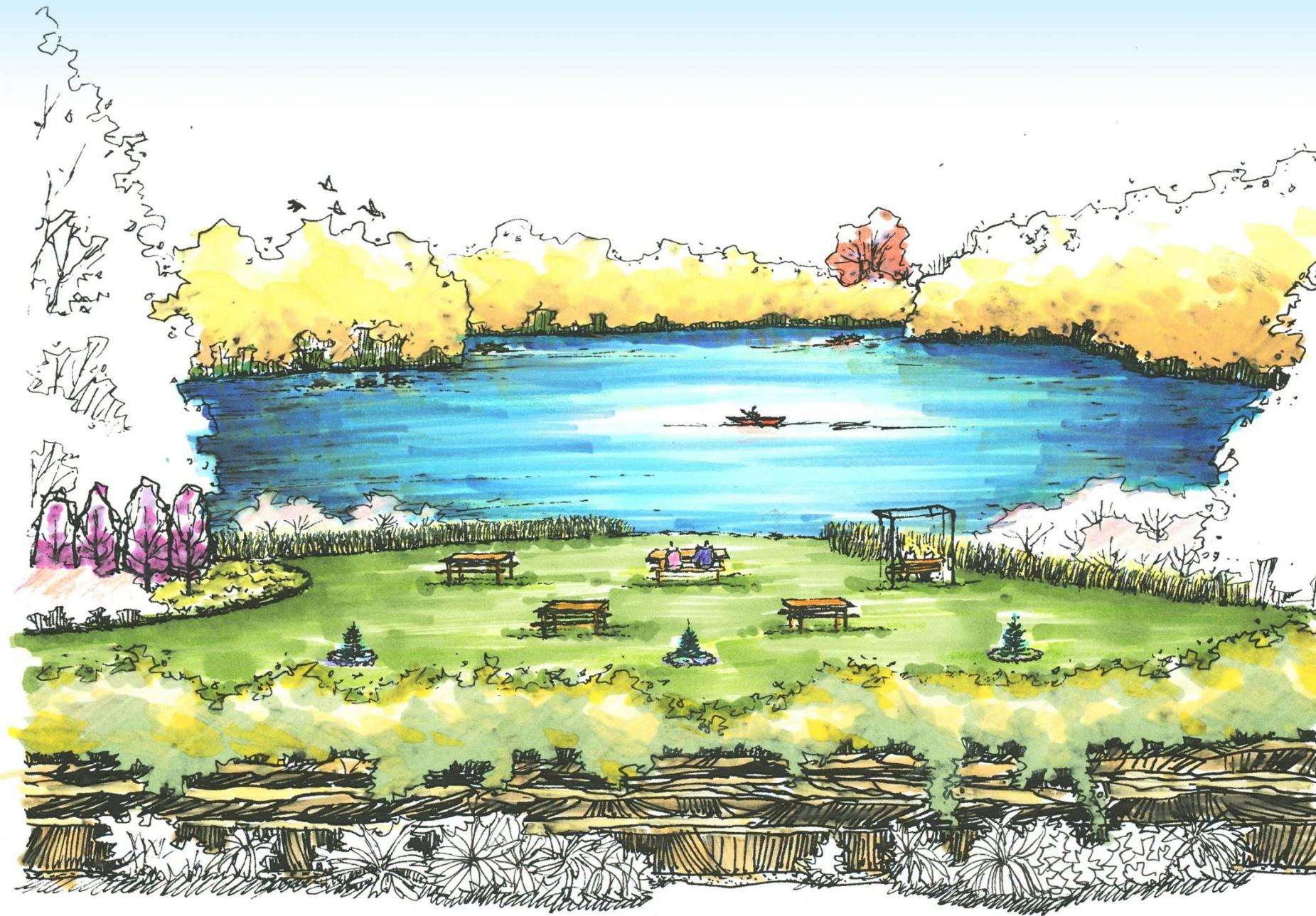
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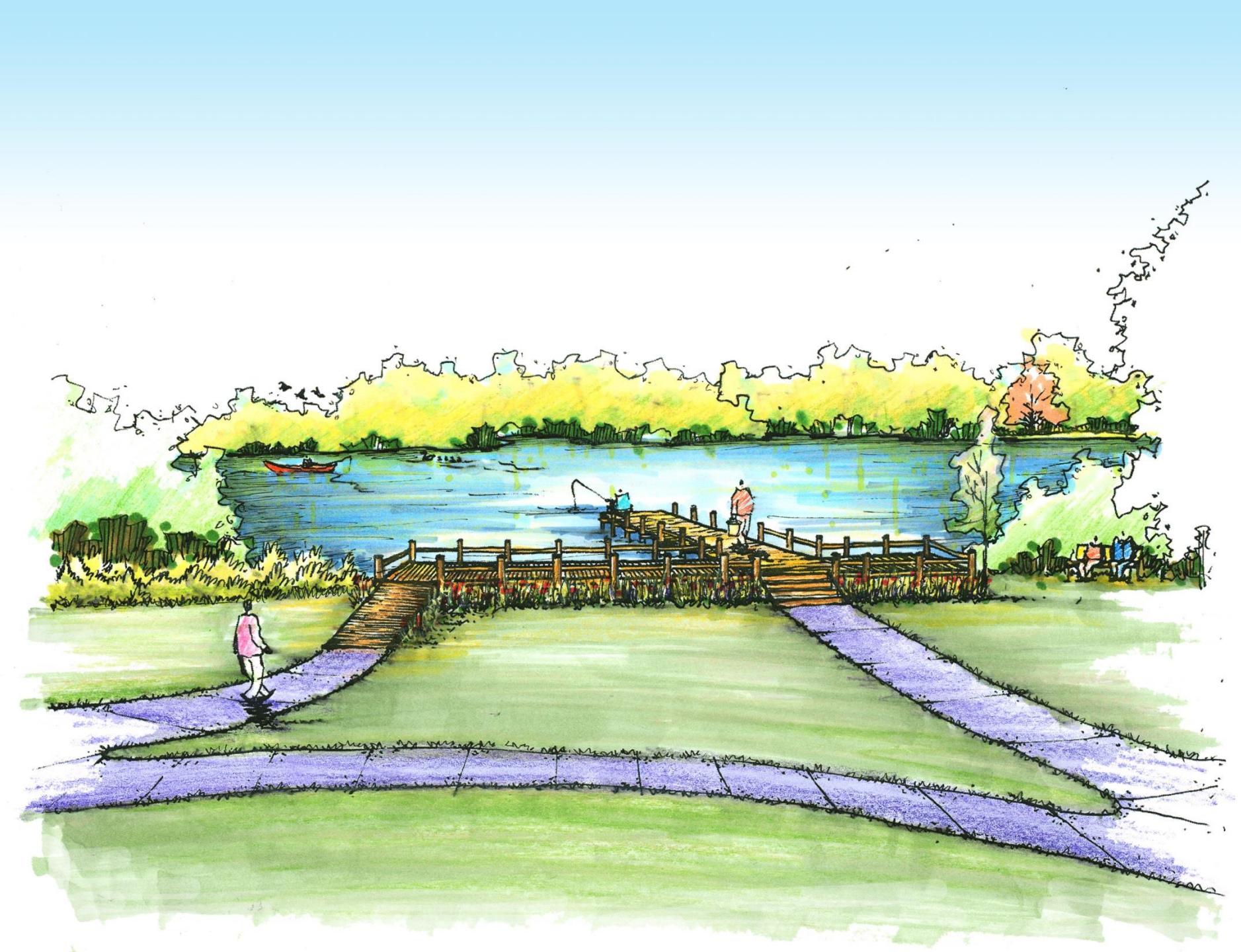
LAKE SIDE AMUSEMENT PARK
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VISIONING EXERCISE #1

Picture the lake and surrounding land as YOU would like it to look 10 YEARS FROM NOW:

- Is the water condition better, worse, the same?
 - If better, how did that occur?
- What is the condition of the dam?
 - If better, how did that occur?
- What kind of land-uses surround the lake?
 - Single family? Multi-family? Mix of residential/commercial/industrial/natural?
- Who is responsible for maintenance of lake and land around it?
- Who is responsible for making these ideas happen?

VISIONING EXERCISE #2

Picture the recreational facilities YOU would like around the lake in 10 years:

- What kind of recreational facilities do you see?
 - Tennis court, playground, soccer field, etc?
 - Pedestrian trails, bike paths?
 - Picnic areas, decks, piers
- Where are they located?
- What new improvements are there?
- Who is responsible for maintenance of the rec facilities around Thread Lake?
- Who is responsible for making these ideas happen?

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NEXT STEPS

- Tabulate results and prepare draft vision outline
- Send out for feedback, then draft vision document
- Schedule a follow-up meeting to return and share the draft with you
- Make revisions based on your input, then share final document with you and the City of Flint for guidance in upcoming plans

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THANKS FOR COMING!

With YOUR help the future can be very different from the present and the past—it can be as YOU envisioned it.