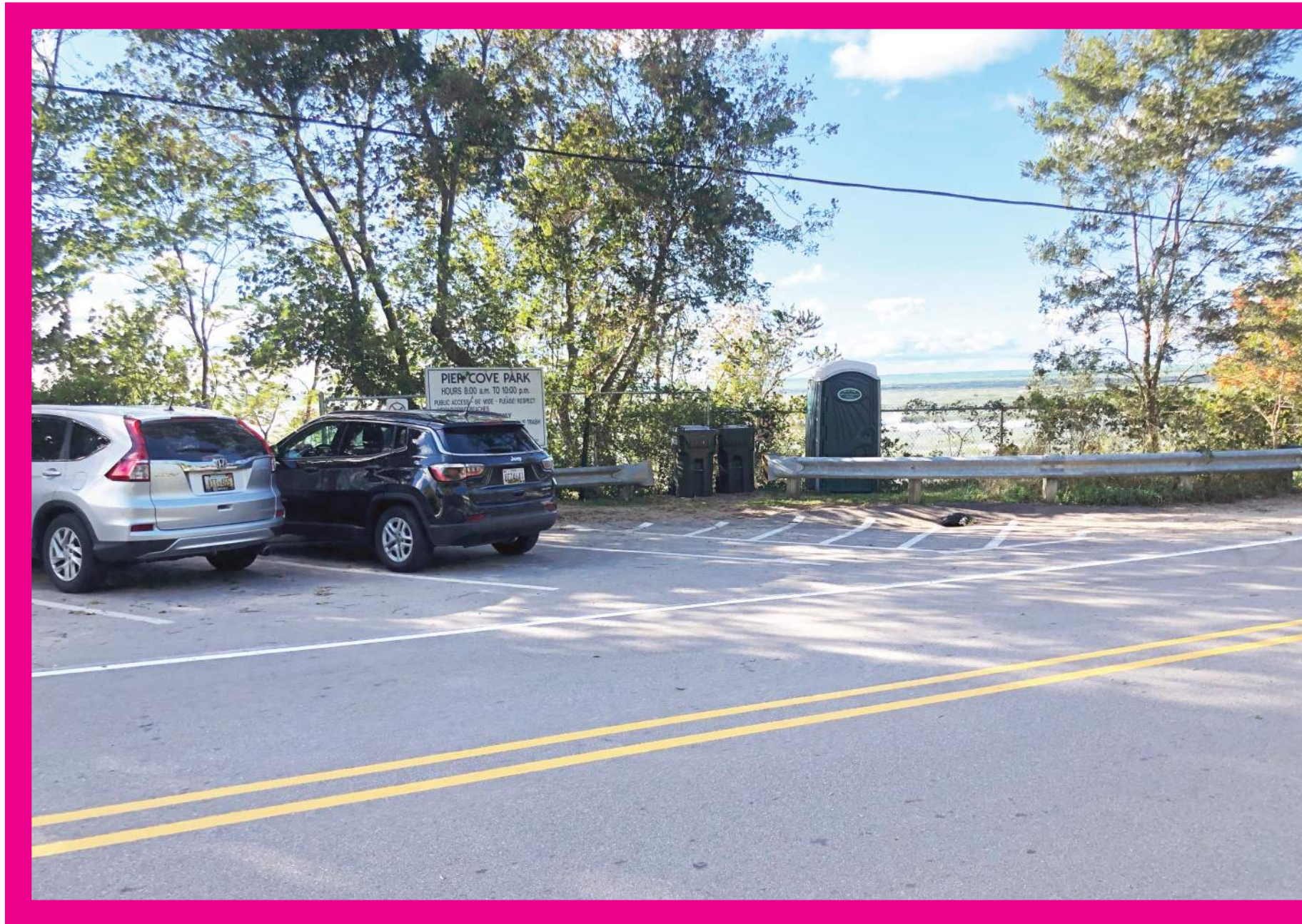


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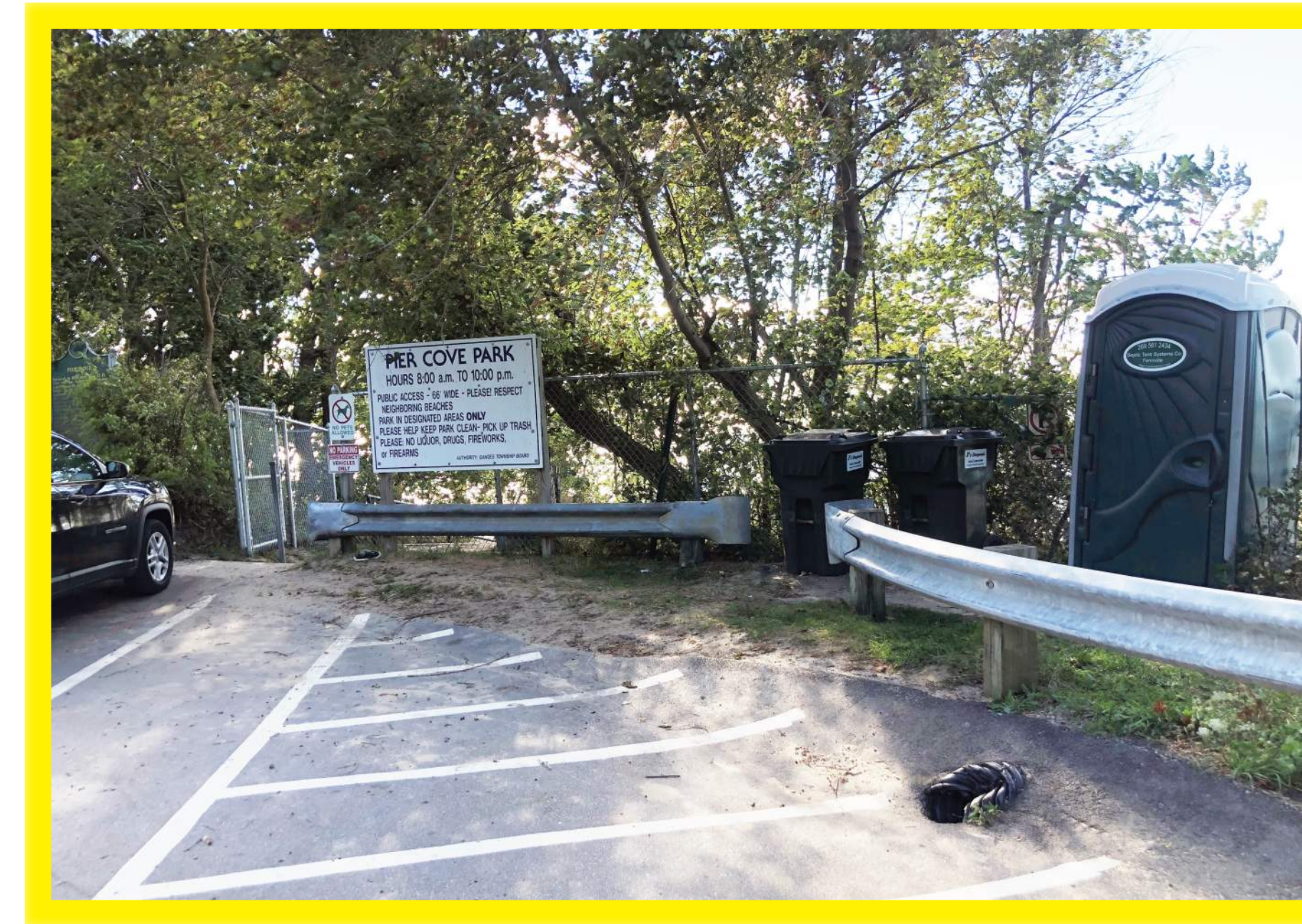




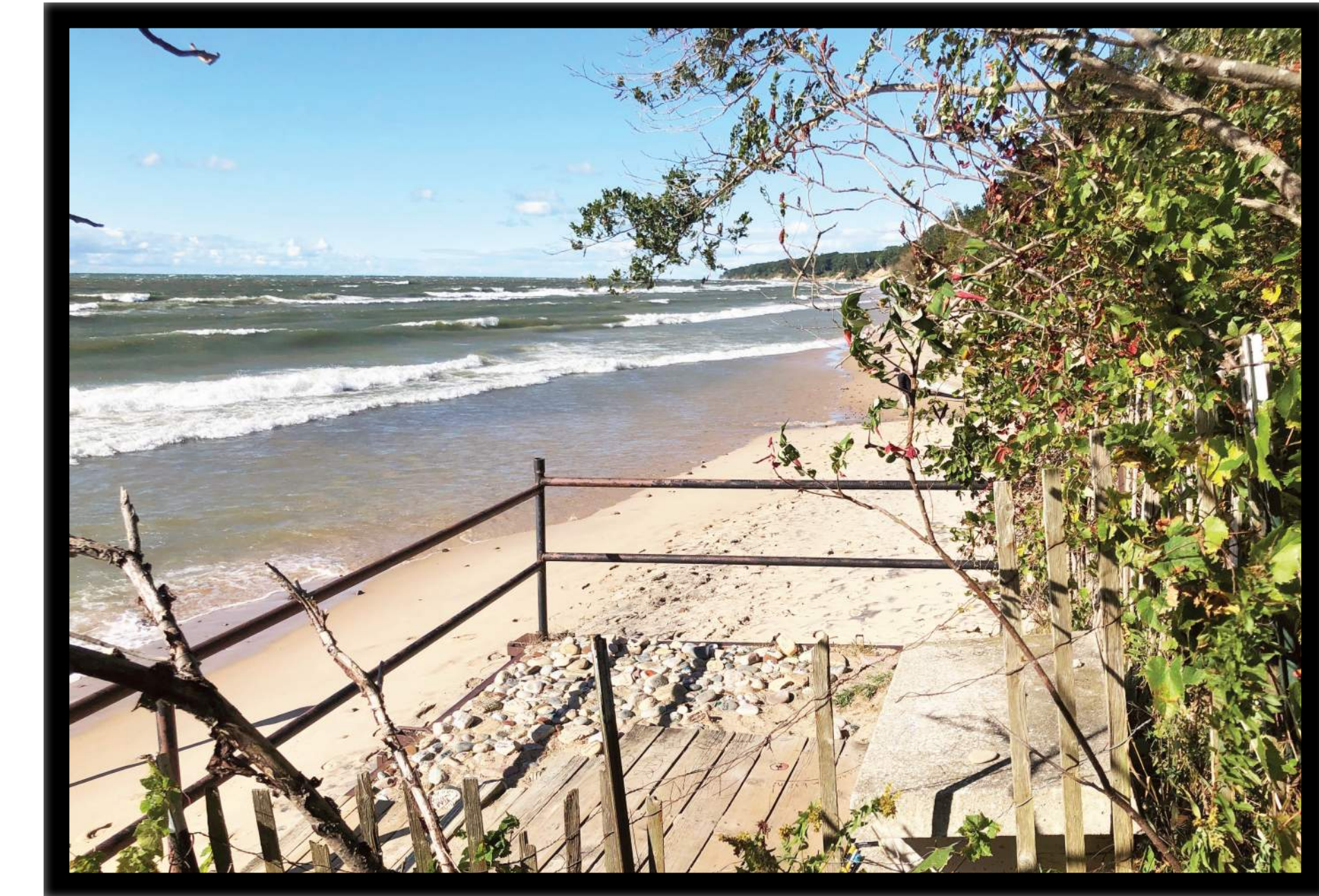
A. Parking is limited and entrance is constrained. Vegetation screens lake views but provides shade within park. Metal guardrails may be replaced with more aesthetically appropriate guardrail.



B. Property acquisition presents opportunity to expand view. Park infrastructure presents a challenge to that opportunity.



C. Park entrance has little pedestrian surface. Metal guardrails may be replaced with more aesthetically appropriate guardrail.



D. Slope presents dramatic lake views. Terracing provides opportunities to establish pedestrian spaces.



E. Grade is retained by a combination of shoreline retaining walls, and existing vegetation. Terracing provides overlook space.



F. Slope erosion is apparent along north original park property line.



G. Terracing of vegetated slope provides overlook space.



H. Overlook platform appears very popular, but is not universally accessible.



I. Steel and wood seawall should be monitored to address maintenance needs. Potential to improve aesthetics by addressing stormwater outlet.



J. South end of parking area has more manicured fence, space is limited, open areas of paving tempt parking, some fence is within road right of way.



K. Pedestrian travel to and from the park occurs on the west side of the roadway. Potential opportunity for a shared-use or separated path. Metal guardrails may be replaced with more aesthetically appropriate guardrail



L. Pedestrian travel along east roadway shoulder is less safe due to limited sight distances. Road shoulder may be modified to accommodate pedestrian use. Metal guardrail may be replaced with more aesthetically appropriate guardrail.

# Inventory and Analysis

## Pier Cove Park, Ganges Township

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BENCHES FOR ADDITIONAL SEATING OPPORTUNITIES	
REPLACE FENCE WITH AESTHETICALLY APPROPRIATE VERSION THAT PROMOTES LAKE VIEWS	
LANDSCAPING	
OVERLOOK DECKS TO PROVIDE SEATING AND VIEWING OPPORTUNITIES	
PARKING LOT (MAINTAIN SAME NUMBER OF SPACES)	
ACCESSIBLE (ADA) PARKING SPACES	
ACCESSIBLE (ADA) RESTROOM ENCLOSURE TO IMPROVE AESTHETICS	
INTERPRETIVE PARK SIGNAGE	

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STORMWATER GREEN SPACE (NATIVE PLANTS)	
BURY OVERHEAD UTILITY TO IMPROVE AESTHETICS AND ENHANCE VIEWS	
REPLACE GUARD RAIL WITH AESTHETICALLY APPROPRIATE VERSION THAT PROMOTES LAKE VIEWS	
CONCRETE WALKWAYS	
CUSTOM GATE HONORING HISTORY	
ENHANCE SAFETY AND AESTHETICS	
RETAINING WALLS (FOR SLOPE STABILIZATION, LANDSCAPE TERRACING, AND WALKWAYS)	

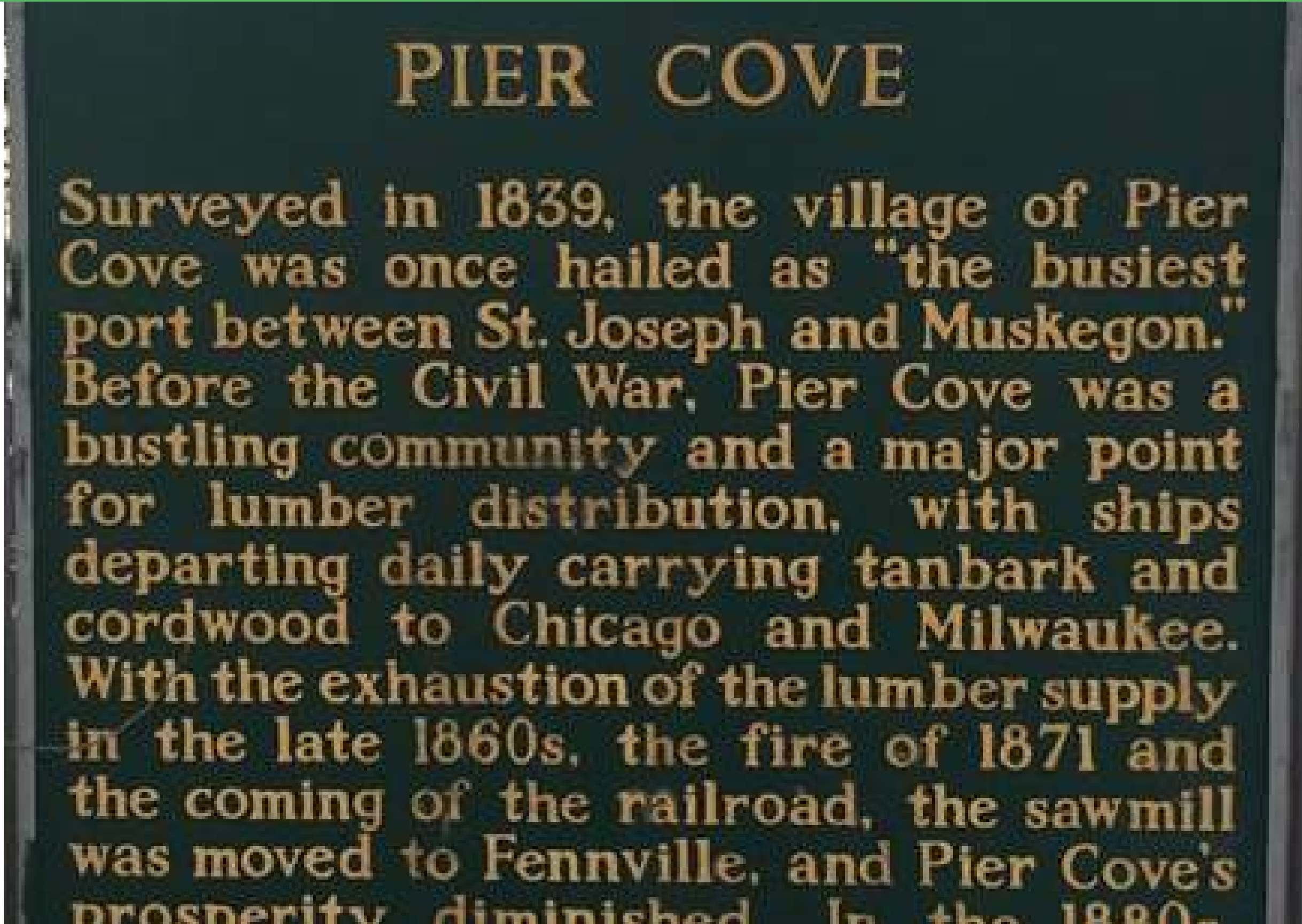


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Please place a check next to all activities you  
enjoy at Pier Cove Park.

## ACTIVITIES

WATCHING THE SUNSET	
SWIMMING AND WADING	
ROCK OR SHELL HUNTING	
PICNICKING	
WALKING THE SHORELINE	
RELAXING & EXPERIENCING NATURE	
ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES NOT LISTED ABOVE	



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## PARK USER PREFERENCES

LAKE VIEWS FROM TOP OF PARK	
LAKE VIEWS FROM WITHIN PARK	
SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN ROUTES INTO PARK	
SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FROM PARK TO LAKE	
AREAS TO SIT OR PICNIC	
SAFETY AT ENTRANCE AND PARKING	
SLOPE STABILIZATION	
GENERAL AESTHETIC APPEARANCE	
PLEASE ADD ANY ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT PIER COVE PARK	



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## CHALLENGES

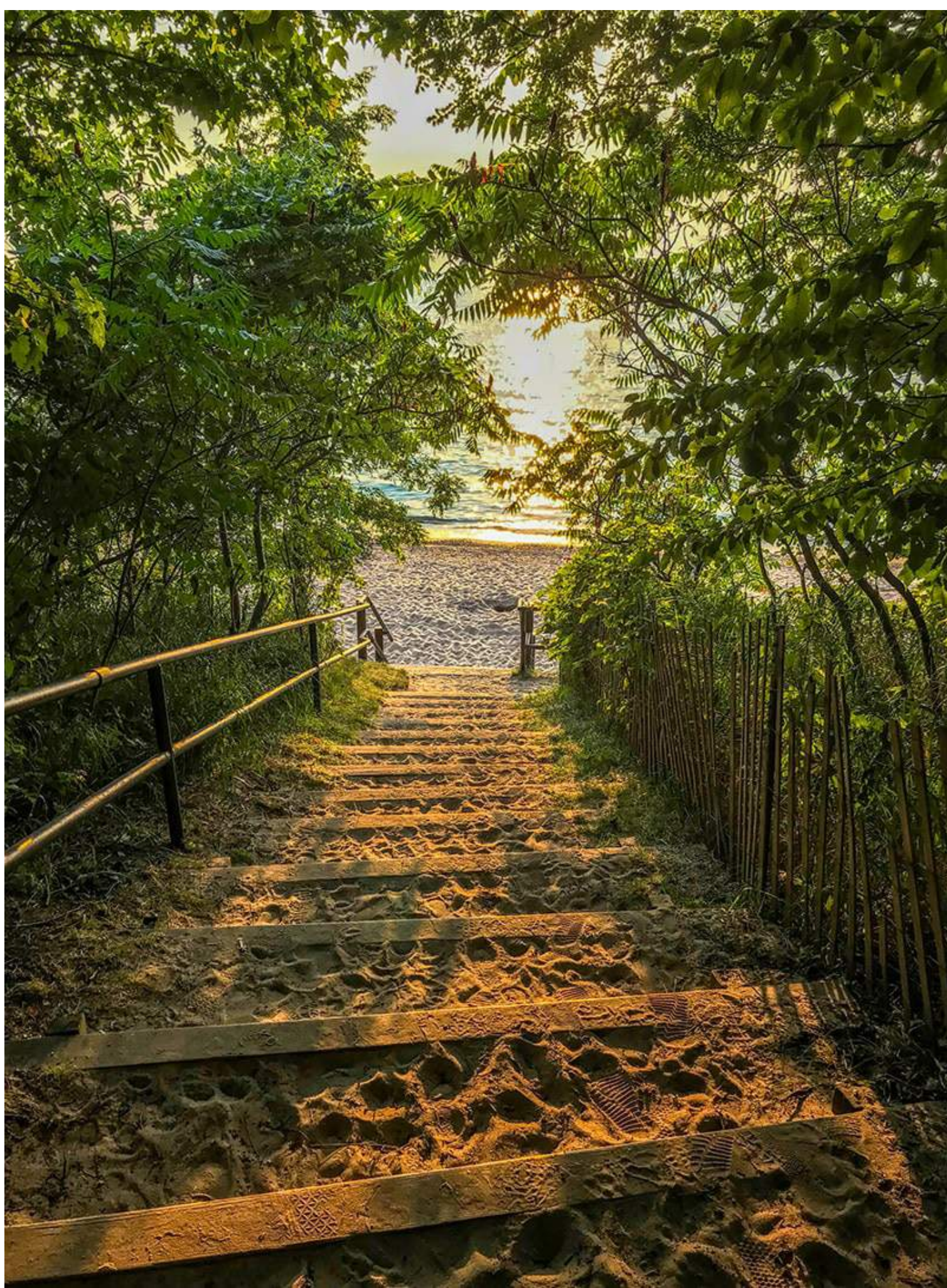
PARKING CAPACITY, SAFETY AND ACCESS

SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN ROUTES INTO PARK

SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN ROUTE FROM PARK TO LAKE

MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING LAKE VIEWS

BALANCED USAGE





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## OPPORTUNITIES

LAKES VIEWS FROM ROADWAY

LAKE VIEWS FROM WITHIN PARK

IMPROVED ACCESS TO SHORELINE

IMPROVED OR INCREASED  
OVERLOOKS

REORGANIZED, SAFE PARKING, AND  
ACCESS INTO PARK

IMPROVED STEWARDSHIP

BEAUTIFICATION

DESIGN ELEMENTS THAT RECOGNIZE  
HISTORY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED BY NEW PROPERTY  
ADDITION

INCREASED PEDESTRIAN SPACE

POTENTIAL FOR REVISED ACCESS TO  
BEACH LEVEL

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC BEACH

ENHANCED NATURAL RESOURCES

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