

## **Appendix B:**

---

## Community Survey Results

*City of White Bear Lake*

Surface Water Management Plan

# City of White Bear Lake

## Water Resources Community Survey

11/21/16 to 1/12/17

**1/27/2017**



### Response Counts

Completion Rate:

100%



Complete

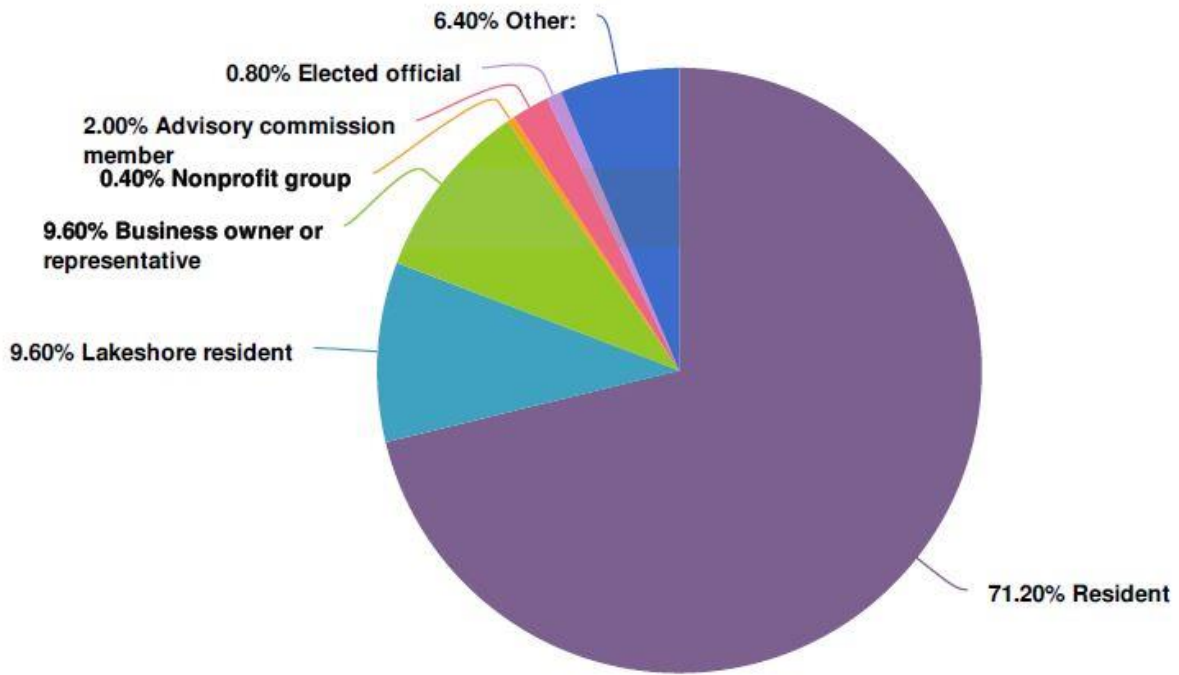


250

---

Total: 250

# 1. Please tell us your affiliation(s) in the City

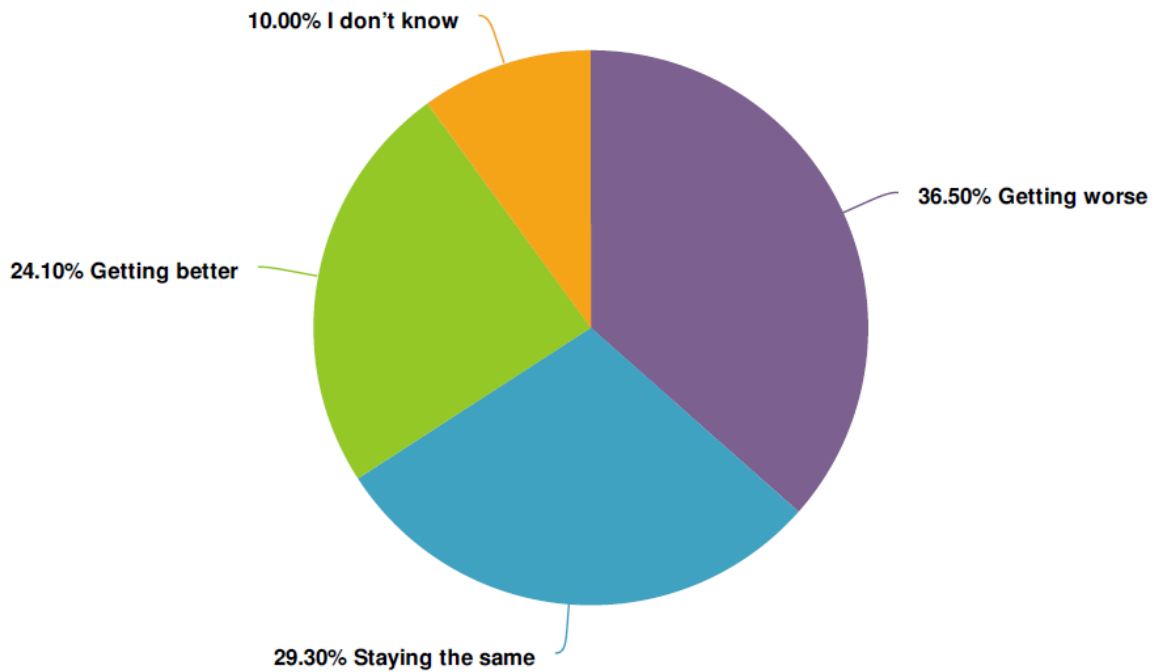



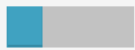

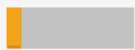
Value	Percent	Responses
Resident	71.2%	178
Lakeshore resident	9.6%	24
Business owner or representative	9.6%	24
Nonprofit group	0.4%	1
Advisory commission member	2.0%	5
Elected official	0.8%	2
Other:	6.4%	16

Total: 250

<b>Other:</b>	<b>Count</b>
Gem Lake resident. Regular fisherman on WBL piers.	2
Adjacent Resident	1
Councilperson City of Grant	1
Keep a boat in the WBBW's marina for the last 10 years. Would love to move to lakeshore on WBL. Current resident of North Oaks. My homes water comes from White Bear Township.	1
Local lake friend and surrounding community resident	1
Mayor of Grant	1
Mother of WBL resident	1
Neighbor	1
Previous resident and concerned citizen	1
Previous resident	1
Property owner	1
White Bear Township resident	1
Why is there a difference between resident and lakeshore resident? I love two blocks from the lake. Am I a resident or lakeshore resident?	1
Employee	1
Parent of a shoreline resident in WBL, however, a Maplewood shoreline resident and very active in the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District (RWMWD)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

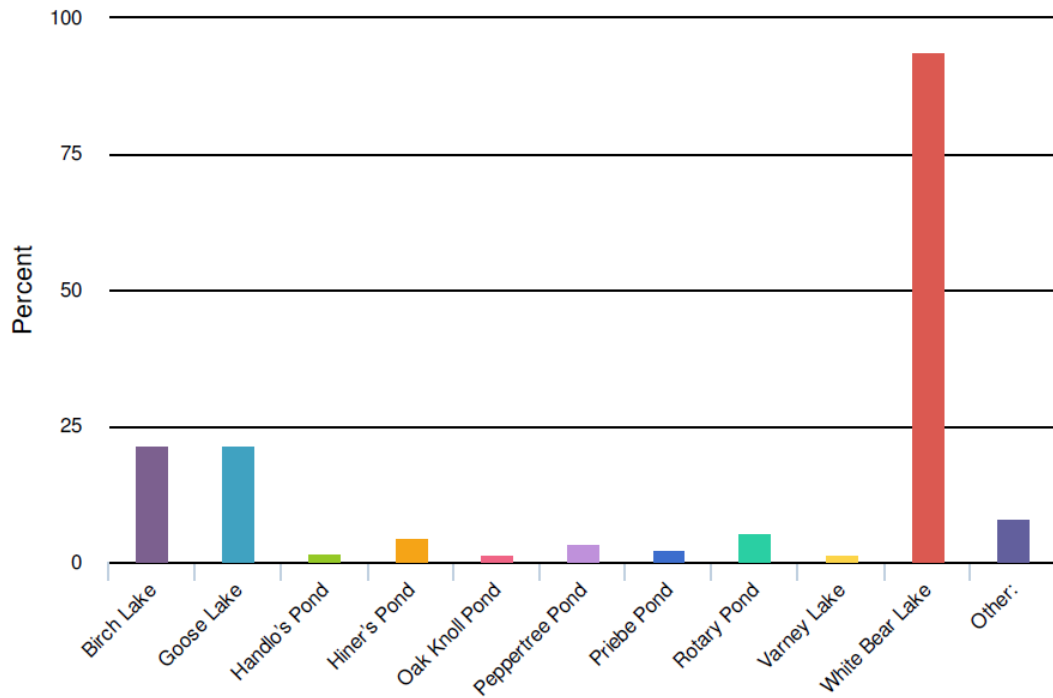
2. In general, do you think the quality of our streams, lakes, and wetlands are:



Value		Percent	Responses
Getting worse		36.5%	91
Staying the same		29.3%	73
Getting better		24.1%	60
I don't know		10.0%	25

Total: 249

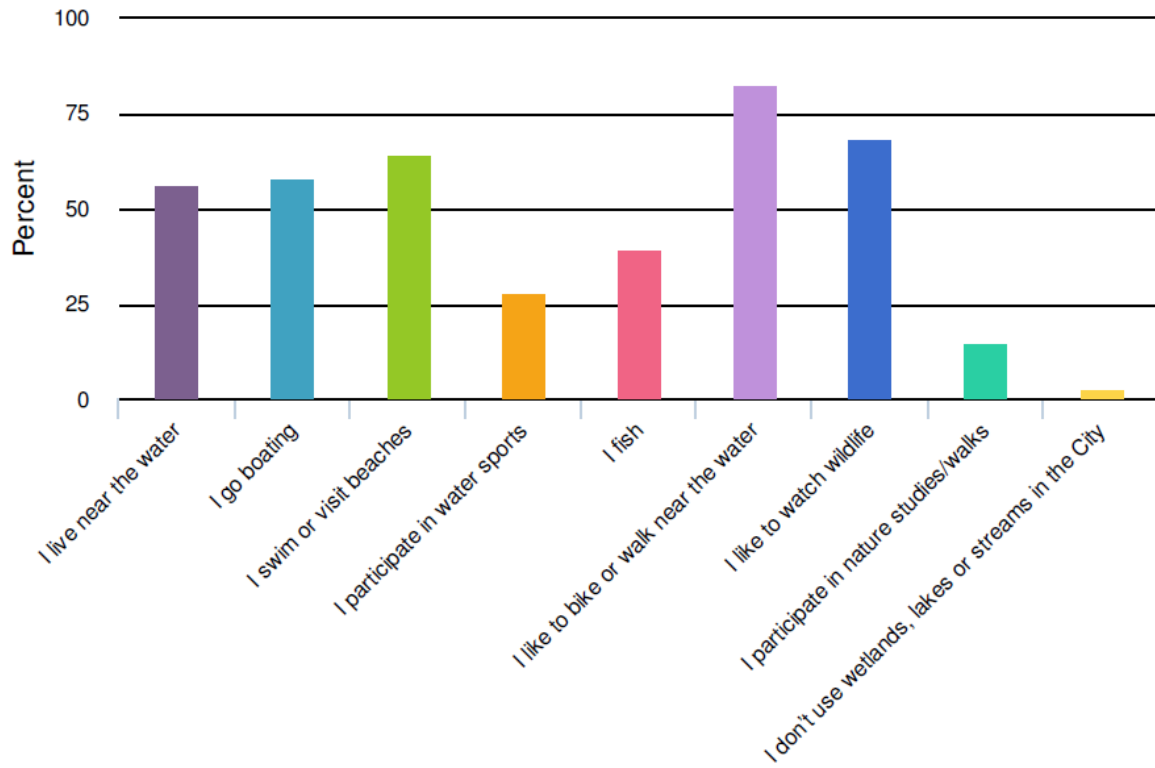
### 3. Do you live near or frequently use any of the following waterbodies in the City of White Bear Lake?



Value	Percent	Responses
Birch Lake	21.5%	51
Goose Lake	21.5%	51
Handlo's Pond	1.7%	4
Hiner's Pond	4.2%	10
Oak Knoll Pond	1.3%	3
Peppertree Pond	3.4%	8
Priebe Pond	2.5%	6
Rotary Pond	5.5%	13
Varney Lake	1.3%	3
White Bear Lake	93.7%	222
Other:	8.0%	19

<b>Other:</b>	<b>Count</b>
Bald Eagle Lake	10
None	2
Lily Pond	1
Otter Lake	2
Sobota Slough	1
St. Croix River	1
Willow Marsh	2
Total	19

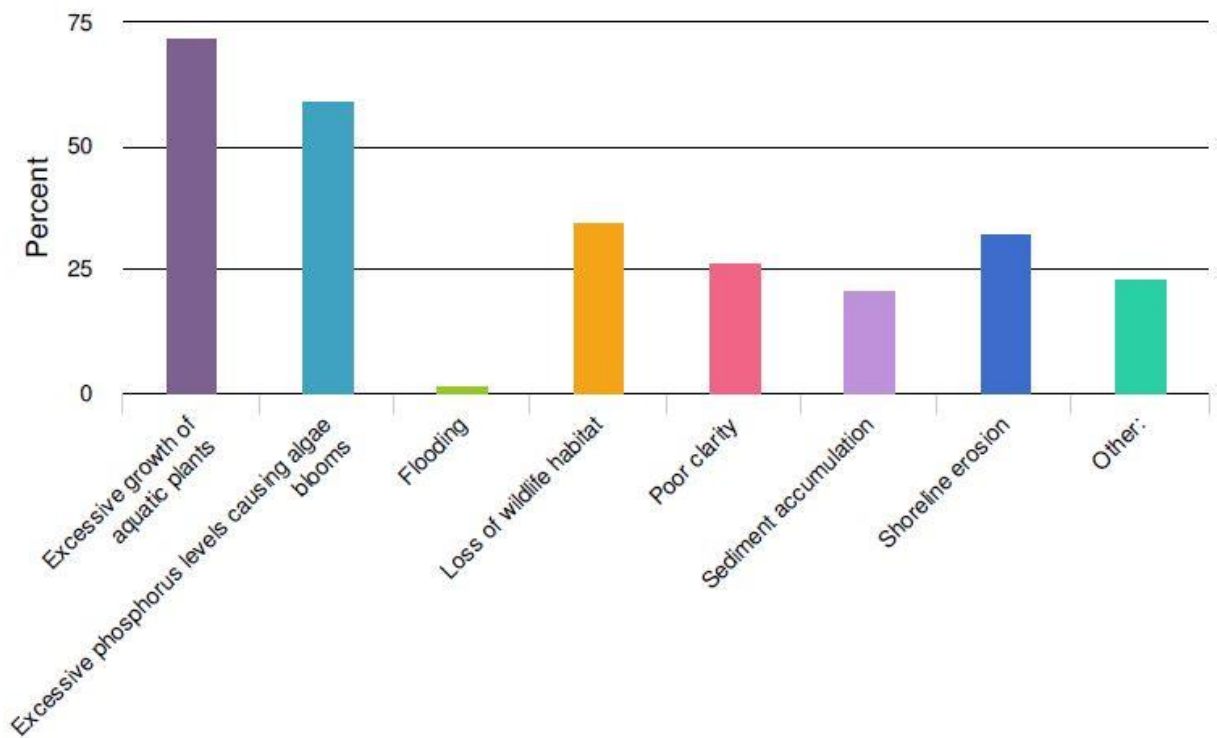
## 4. How do you use the City's waterbodies?











Value	Percent	Responses
I live near the water	56.5%	140
I go boating	57.7%	143
I swim or visit beaches	64.1%	159
I participate in water sports	27.8%	69
I fish	39.5%	98
I like to bike or walk near the water	82.7%	205
I like to watch wildlife	68.5%	170
I participate in nature studies/walks	14.5%	36
I don't use wetlands, lakes or streams in the City	2.8%	7



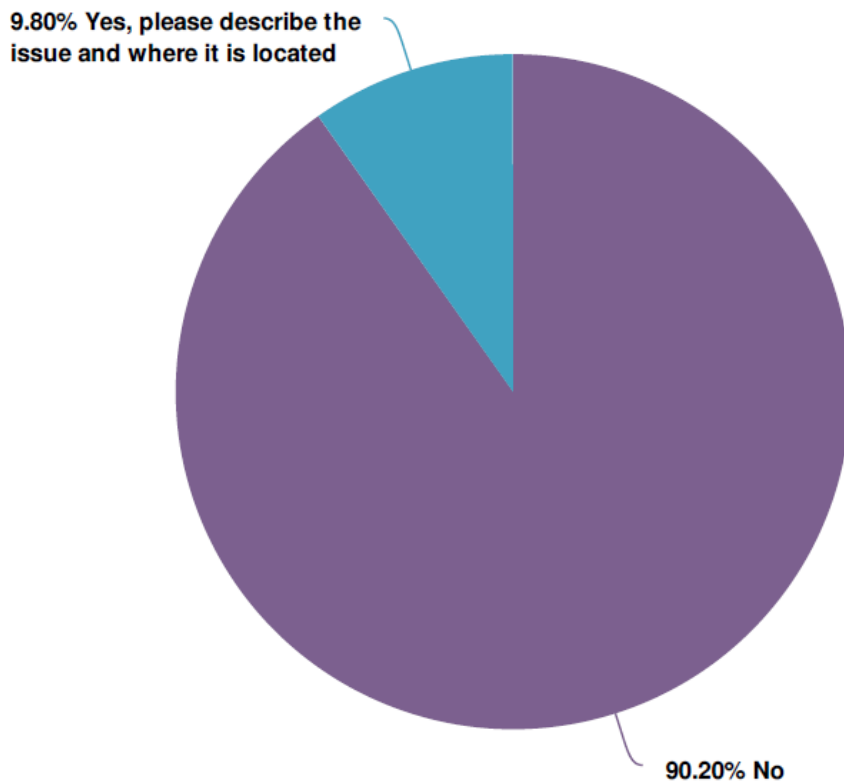
## 5. Do you have any of the following concerns in regards to these waterbodies?





Value		Percent	Responses
Excessive growth of aquatic plants		72.1%	165
Excessive phosphorus levels causing algae blooms		59.0%	135
Flooding		1.7%	4
Loss of wildlife habitat		34.9%	80
Poor clarity		26.6%	61
Sediment accumulation		21.0%	48
Shoreline erosion		32.3%	74
Other:		23.1%	53

<b>Other:</b>	<b>Count</b>
Zebra Mussels	6
Bohemian Knotweed hedge on Hiner's Pond	1
Elevated salt levels from streets, shoreline residences onsite septic systems	1
Excessive governmental overreach	1
I have concerns about Growth of aquatic plants and phosphorus levels causing algae blooms but not excessive. Phosphorus is well managed as a content in fertilizer but its awareness is still important to new home owners living on or near any run off areas leading into the lake.	1
Invasive Species	3
Long term health of waterbodies	1
Loss of navigable waters of White Bear Lake due to accretion of land, and tree growth in the lake bed, after an extraordinary long period of dry water.	1
Low water level of White Bear Lake	26
Mercury	1
Other contaminates entering the water	1
Pet waste	2
Recreational boaters anchoring on our swimming beaches	1
This fall we have at least 20 muskrat houses right off the shoreline from Ramsey County Beach to Hwy 61. Why? Never seen this before.	1
Access	1
Lakefront owners cutting aquatic plants, lakeshore owners grooming the sand/soil at the edge of the lake bed, and residents in neighborhoods around the lake spilling/spreading lawn fertilizer on impervious surfaces and not cleaning it up.	1
Oily deposit on top of water	1
People throwing trash	1
Augmentation	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>52</b>

## 6. Are you aware of any drainage/flooding issues in the City?

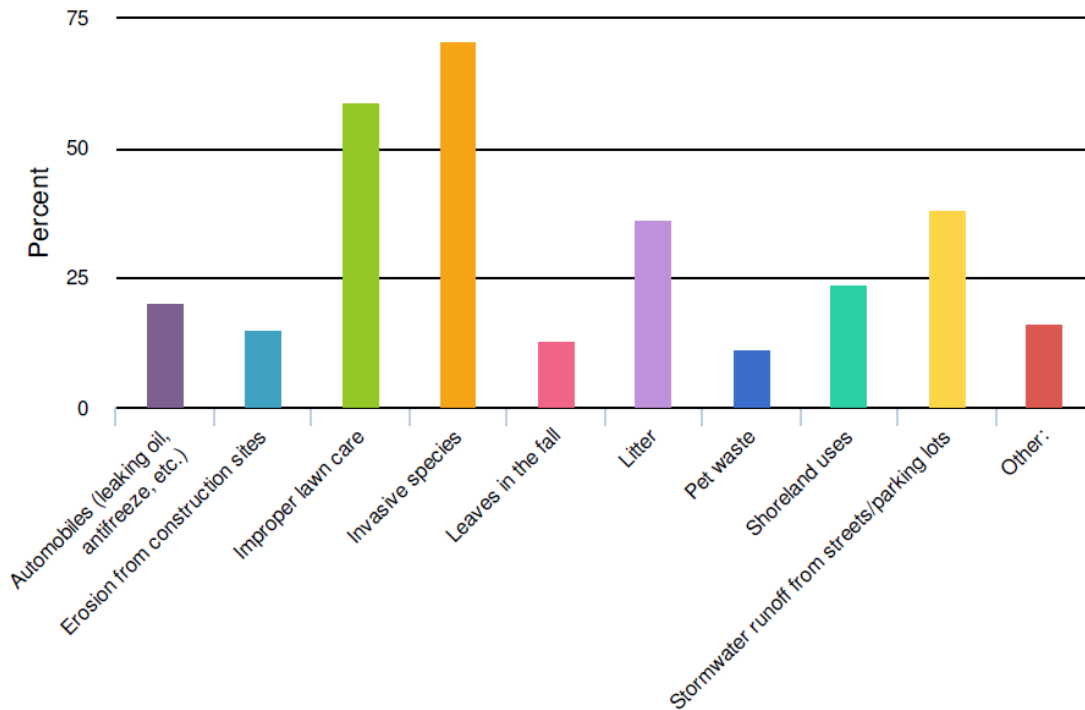


Value		Percent	Responses
No		90.2%	220
Yes, please describe the issue and where it is located		9.8%	24

Total: 244

Response:	Count
Hazel Street floods near floral during extremely heavy rains.	1
I don't know if this counts but I often see year sprinkler systems running during the rain or just after a rain. These are homeowners overwatering their yards.	1
I don't see water flow into White Bear like it use too. Especially at the end of the streets in Old White Bear.	1
I live at 4748 Otter Lake Road. After every heavy rain, there is a giant puddle that collects in my front yard that lasts about a week. I wish there was some way to drain it into Birch Lake.	1
I'm not sure if this matters or counts, but down at the other end of our alley, the 7 <sup>th</sup> Street side, (we are on the 8 <sup>th</sup> Street side) in between Cook Ave. & Stewart, that whole end of the alley is always flooded with water, whenever it rains or snow melts. The house on the Stewart Ave. Side gets its basement flooded because of it so they have to use their own pump to pump the water away from the alley. Also, since my son's bus stop is all the way on the other corner of our block, on Stewart & 7 <sup>th</sup> , that's the way we walk to the bus stop, so we have to walk through it regularly, trying to walk around it, which is hard to do, and causes us to walk up into the neighbors driveways and yards.	1
In front of ice arena on Division and 96 and Stewart.	1
Junction of Lakeview Ave and Cottage Park Road. Street floods curb to curb in moderate to heavy rain.	1
Right on the bottom of my driveway. 4810 Sandra Lane it floods every time it rains or snow melts.	1
Runoff from streets flows directly into Hiner's Pond	1
Spruce park. Major renovations were completed only on part of the park.	1
The alleys between Cook and Stewart between 6 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Streets	1
The entry point is 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street and Lake. This used to have a bubbling brook feel and sound, cat tails and it was from the rain run off etc. After the walkways were redone this area dried up. Shortly after the lake levels were significantly dropping. – Contributing not the source of water level concerns.	1
There's a house for sale/foreclosed 2324 Lakeridge Dr. that has a sewer drain in front of it. It seems to get clogged with debris, especially in the Spring and Fall. Neighbors help when they notice it, but it's at the bottom of 3 inclines coming from the west, east, and north.	1
Only minor issues with heavy rains or when sewer grates are frozen.	1
The ditch across the street from my house on Whitaker Street, drains into swamp which leads all the way to the Mississippi River.	1
Water covering the road during heavy rain on Bellaire between County Road E and 120.	1
Total	16

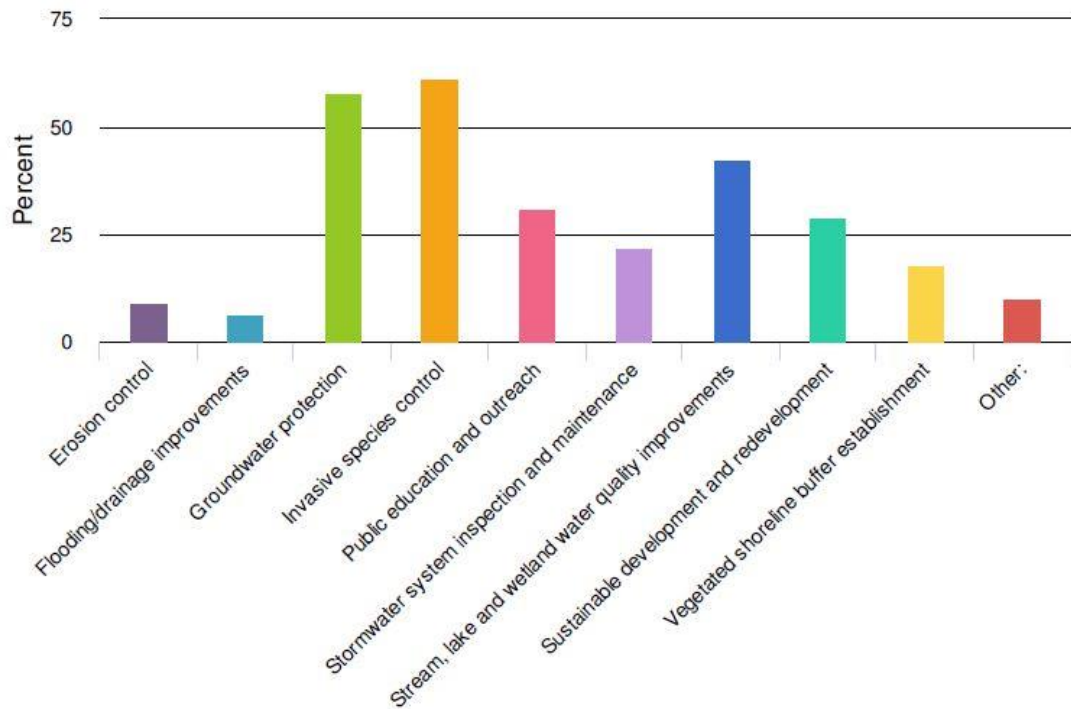
## 7. In your opinion and experience, which of the following are the biggest threats to the City's streams, lakes, and wetlands?



Value	Percent	Responses
Automobiles (leaking oil, antifreeze, etc.)	20.0%	48
Erosion from construction sites	15.0%	36
Improper lawn care	58.8%	141
Invasive species	70.8%	170
Leaves in the fall	12.9%	31
Litter	36.3%	87
Pet waste	11.3%	27
Shoreland uses	23.8%	57
Stormwater runoff from streets/parking lots	37.9%	91
Other:	16.3%	39

<b>Other:</b>	<b>Count</b>
Aquifer level decreasing	6
Diverting runoff water into pond structures	1
Dog Beach is disgusting. Dog waste on the shore and the dogs run all over.	1
Fertilizers and aquifer maintenance	1
General pollution from those that will always contaminate the lake while we provide adequate clean up methods.	1
Global climate change.	1
Groundwater depletion	2
Herbicides and fertilizers on lawns	1
Lack of rain	1
Overbuilding/overuse of limited resources. Watershed maintenance education.	1
Pollution from boat motors.	1
The litter left from ice houses.	1
The run off from the city streets.	1
Water management regards to the City's utility	1
Watering lawns with lake water	1
We need to open the pump houses to fill WBL or stop drainage to Goose Lake and Bald Eagle Lake	1
White Bear Lake water level	1
Witnessed goose die from Avian Botulism (Limberneck Disease) and called DNR	1
Excessive ground water use for watering lawns.	1
Fertilizers and herbicides used in lawn care	1
Human waste	1
Lack of proper water management by City and State of MN	1
Lake water not being replenished by runoff	1
Residential water consumption	1
Should have more runoff from streets	1
The push to supplement WB Lake with lower-quality water from other sources.	1
Water supply table still don't have a public answer	1
City Planners who are not being properly trained on the impact of decisions by environmental engineers	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

8. Looking at the list below, which do you think should be the TOP 3 priorities in terms of water resources management for the City of White Bear Lake?

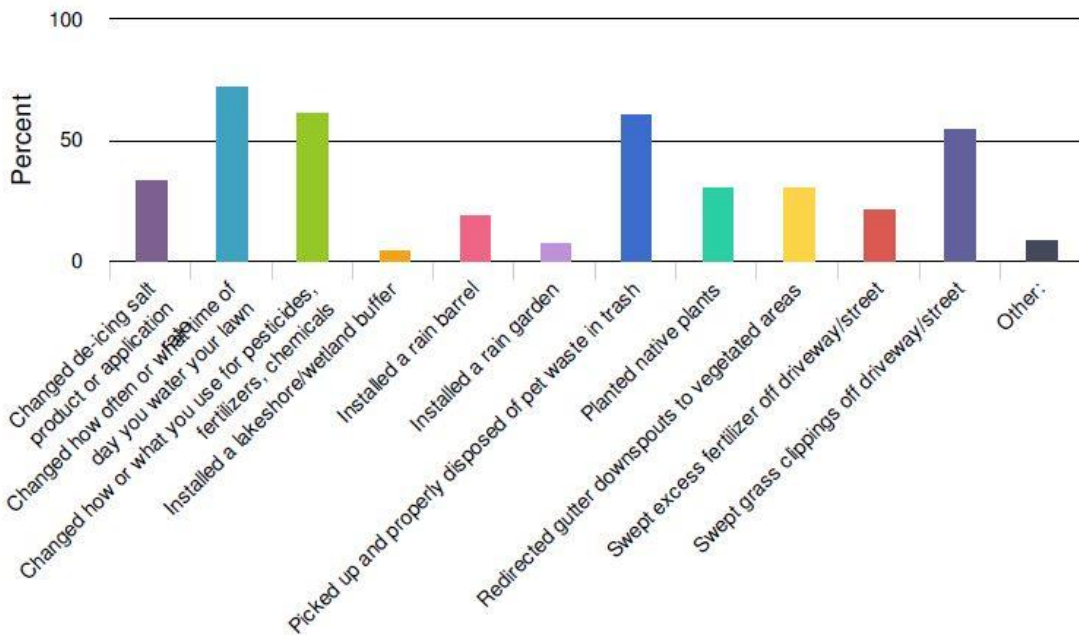


Value	Percent	Responses
Erosion control	9.0%	22
Flooding/drainage improvements	6.5%	16
Groundwater protection	57.6%	141
Invasive species control	61.2%	150
Public education and outreach	31.0%	76
Stormwater system inspection and maintenance	22.0%	54
Stream, lake and wetland water quality improvements	42.4%	104
Sustainable development and redevelopment	29.0%	71
Vegetated shoreline buffer establishment	17.6%	43
Other:	9.8%	24

Other:	Count
Augmentation of WBL because of the combined impact of reduced watershed, increased evaporation from longer ice free periods, and depletion of the aquifer from groundwater pumping.	1
Augmentation to maintain lake level	6
Bringing water in from other places where there is waste or excess water	1
Get rid of the dog beach	1
I believe that our storm water drainage can be directed to the lake to supplement the lack of water shed flowing into the lake and with proper management that water can benefit the lake and help to sustain it.	1
Increasing lake levels by enforcing watering restrictions	1
Open the beaches	1
Open the public beach at Optimist park to swimmers again	1
Restricting dog beaches	1
We must educate our residents to properly care for our bodies of water and our drinking water. Scarcity is real.	1
We need to restore WBL to its normal level. Also there is no reason not to open Ramsey County Beach with proper signage. Stop people allowing their dogs to poop on the beaches where our children use the water. The city and County have enough funds to fix the lake! The Lake is the brand for our City and we will be s sorry if we don't stop the water levels.	1
Whatever the scientists say would have the most benefit to surface water quality and groundwater quality, which could include some of the above options... but trust them, not our laymen's instincts please.	1
Enforcement of lawn watering rules and resident education (and perhaps a phosphorus ban) about lawn chemicals	1
Groundwater recharge	1
Limiting use of lawn fertilizers, actually enforcing the watering timeline bans on homes and businesses	1
Septic system inspections in Dellwood	1
Total	21

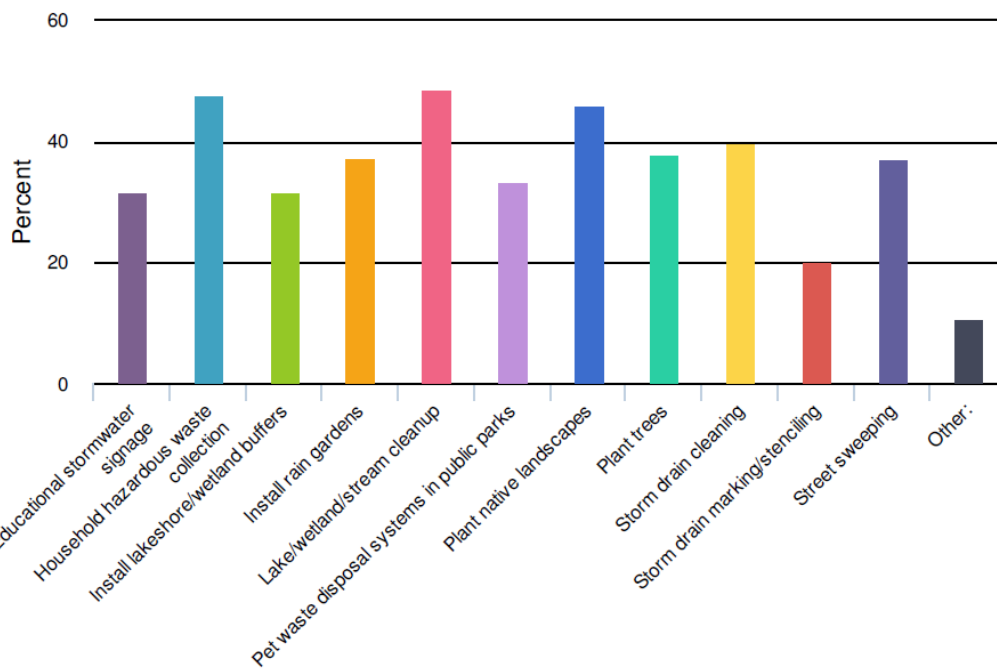


## 9. Which of the following have you done on your property to help protect lakes, streams and wetlands from pollution?



Value	Percent	Responses
Changed de-icing salt product or application rate	34.3%	80
Changed how often or what time of day you water your lawn	72.5%	169
Changed how or what you use for pesticides, fertilizers, chemicals	62.2%	145
Installed a lakeshore/wetland buffer	4.7%	11
Installed a rain barrel	19.3%	45
Installed a rain garden	7.7%	18
Picked up and properly disposed of pet waste in trash	61.4%	143
Planted native plants	31.3%	73
Redirected gutter downspouts to vegetated areas	31.3%	73
Swept excess fertilizer off driveway/street	21.9%	51
Swept grass clippings off driveway/street	55.4%	129
Other:	9.0%	21

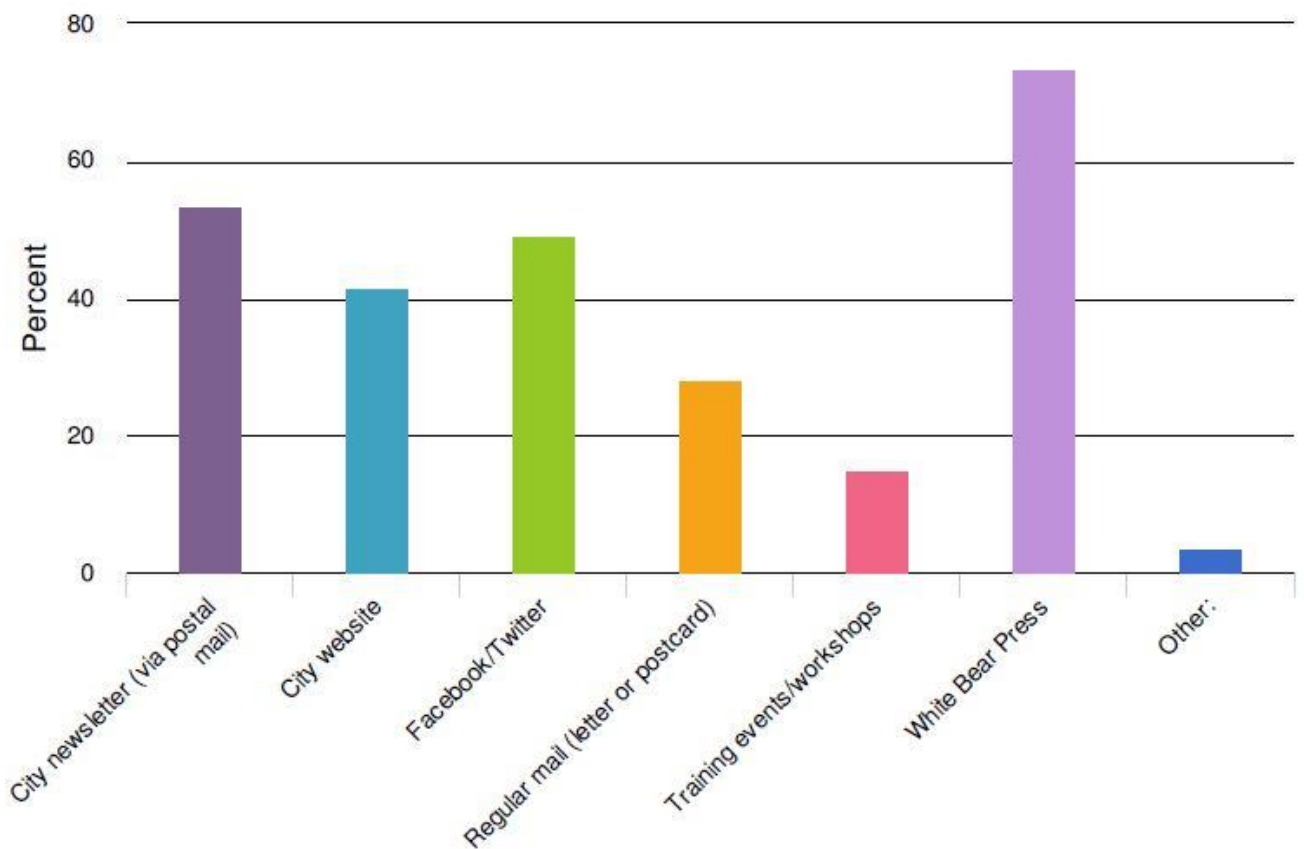
## 10. What projects or actions would you like to see implemented in your area?










Value	Percent	Responses
Educational stormwater signage	31.5%	74
Household hazardous waste collection	47.7%	112
Install lakeshore/wetland buffers	31.5%	74
Install rain gardens	37.4%	88
Lake/wetland/stream cleanup	48.5%	114
Pet waste disposal systems in public parks	33.2%	78
Plant native landscapes	46.0%	108
Plant trees	37.9%	89
Storm drain cleaning	39.6%	93
Storm drain marking/stenciling	20.0%	47
Street sweeping	37.0%	87
Other:	10.6%	25

Other:	Count
Augmentation to maintain lake level	5
Divert stormwater to ponds that then lead back to our lakes after a settling period	1
Do not allow the street water to dump right into the lake. The blue plastic from the street sweepers are continuously found in the lake due to the street run off	1
Education on toxic effects of glyphosate/roundup	1
Explaining to people how toxic all of the chemicals they are using on their laws are and how bad it is for our animals and the water	1
Get rid of dog beach or move it south of the Manitou bridge where it's not competing with boaters and swimmers	1
Lawn irrigation enforcement	3
Remove curbs that trap leaves and plant material in gutters draining to lakes and wetlands	1
Stop lake owners from watering lawns with lake water	1
Sustainable "seventh generation" public policy	1
WBL has little cover for fish. I'd like to cut down a few trees and lay them in the lake.	1
Whatever has the best cost/benefit effectiveness for improving water quality – ask the experts what this would be	1
Enforcement of lawn watering rules and resident education (and perhaps a phosphorus ban) about lawn chemicals	1
Filter/clean runoff and have it go back into the lake instead of sewer lines	1
Incentives to install and maintain rain gardens	1
Increase the cost of water used to irrigate lawns	1
Total	22

## 11. What are the best ways to provide you more information?



Value		Percent	Responses
City newsletter (via postal mail)		53.3%	130
City website		41.4%	101
Facebook/Twitter		49.2%	120
Regular mail (letter or postcard)		28.3%	69
Training events/workshops		14.8%	36
White Bear Press		73.4%	179
Other:		3.7%	9

Other:	Count
E-mail	4
I don't think enough people use the resources, so in order to reach them I think you'll need to send newsletters or mailings. Workshops would be great too.	1
Online saves money and is most frequently used by new homeowners	1
Sales meetings	1
Would like to get very periodic e-mails from the City. Would be easier to stay informed if the information is sent to me rather than me seeking it out.	1
Total	8

## 12. Please describe any other specific issues, concerns, thoughts or suggestions you feel the City of White Bear Lake should address in regards to water resources management planning efforts.

Other:	Count
1. Please be a little more science minded in discussions of the water levels of WBL. The lake is ancient; showing only 10 years of water measurements is like judging a human by one second of his life. Show the entire span of data, pointing that even that is an extremely tiny portion of the life of the lake. 2. I live two blocks from the lake, and I am out walking at least once a day. There is rarely a day in the spring, summer, and fall that I don't come across lawn chemicals on the sidewalk or in the street somewhere in my neighborhood, and the professional lawncare companies are just as bad as the homeowners.	1
1 <sup>st</sup> AUGMENT! 2 <sup>ND</sup> HOOK UP ALL WATER TOWERS TO THE ST PAUL SYSTEM.	1
Apparently, you have not noticed the instability of water levels. There were no answers selectable regarding the water height on White Bear Lake.	1
Are there any changes in what is being done about water level in WBL? Is it continuing to return to past level?	1
At Optimist Park at the SW end of the lake there used to be a canoe entry point. I miss that. Parking is close by so I can carry the canoe to the lake there.	1
Ban the use of Roundup/Glyphosate. Ban selling it in WBL. Come up with alternatives and educate the public.	1
City of WBL should realize that switching to the SPWRS for water supply is the long term and responsible answer for water supply. I understand the City makes money by charging for aquifer water which is all of ours, free and depleting. Hard to give up that income stream. Sometimes the best answer is not the easy one.	1
Communities north and west of White Bear need to reduce their water usage to keep from causing and using so much water from the aquifer.	1
Demand residents start conserving water. Ramp up enforcement of existing laws and regulations that protect our water.	1
Discuss do we want to go back to enforcing lawn watering bans if the GS study concludes that there is an over utilization of the aquifer.	1
Don't cater to the few that would benefit from your actions. Plan for the benefit of the community as a whole.	1
Educate children at school on how precious	1
Financial help for homeowners to install rain gardens.	1
Generally doing a good job, but there are some structural changes (e.g., stormwater sewers draining directly to Lake, high impervious surface downtown) that should be addressed over time.	1
Get rid of high water consumption toilets in private residences.	1
Get the Ramsey Beach open again. Augmentation for consistent water levels in White Bear Lake.	1
Goose Lake is also an important amenity to the City. I would love to see more efforts	1

to improve the condition of the lake and allow more access via trails and fishing.

Great survey, thank you!

1

Historically WBL has been low many times and has always risen. I would hope good engineering of storm water could contribute to the levels in WBL.

1

How to return water pathway under bridge and into bay in front of Fillebrown house. Bulldoze it open, dredge it.

1

I am pleased to say that I have stopped using my in ground sprinkler system for the past six years, my lawn is green, healthy and has a fantastic root base. I have not placed any city water onto the lawn, nature has taken care of it completely. Many more people could do this to conserve and still enjoy a beautiful green lawn.

1

I am pleased with efforts of the city in recent years. And I think you have to toot your own horn. Tell everyone what you are going to do, tell 'em what you did, over and over again.

1

I don't know why we have a de facto dog beach. Attracting multiple dogs to our main lake seems irresponsible. On a number of occasions I have witnessed animal feces in and around the lake. It just seems we should utilize a smaller lake or perhaps build something specifically for dogs (if we in fact decide we want that). There is no way this improves the water quality.

1

I don't want the city to support the water augmentation plan for White Bear Lake. It's an irresponsible use of tax dollars that could be better spent improving water quality that would benefit many more people. Thanks for doing this survey. Good idea!

1

I feel there should be restrictions placed on the use of fertilizers and other chemicals in lawn care. Encourage and reward organic methods.

1

I frequently see businesses and homeowners running sprinkler systems too frequently, during the wrong hours, and even while it's raining outside or when we've had more than adequate rainfall. I really think residents need to be better educated and/or water use needs to be enforced during summer water restriction times.

1

I grew up next to the water treatment plant on Orchard Ln. When I visit my dad I can see how it has really gone downhill. It is an eyesore and seems very disorganized. I don't see anything done there to improve it. My heart breaks for my dad who has to look at this every day.

1

I have an Earth Science background and we must let USGS finish its study regarding White Bear's lake level, but all indications I have seen point towards aquifer drawdown and, therefore, I see groundwater protection as the top priority. White Bear's water quality remains quite good, it would be even better if we could get the Eurasian Milfoil mitigated. The small lakes and ponds within city limits are in dire straits with regard to water quality, primarily, clarity. I took Sechhi disc readings for several years on Priebe Lake for the PCA and I must tell you that Priebe and nearly all water bodies in its class, including Goose Lake, are hypereutrophic. Their water quality is stable, but it's at, or near, the bottom of rating scales due to excessive algae blooms. By August, the clarity of the small water bodies is reduced to 6 inches and at its best, it's less than 3 feet - I'd really like to see some kind of algae mitigation program instituted. Thank you.

1

I haven't watered my yard in years and it's just as green as the guy that does. Yeah, it might brown at times but comes right back. Why does the city continue to install automated watering systems? Waste of money and maintenance. Sends the wrong

1

message of water conservation especially when they're on in the morning and it's raining (along Clark).

I live on Peppertree pond and it needs to be dredged. The street runoff has gradually filled the pond. When I first moved in it was up to 15 ft deep. Now it runs about 4-6 ft of mucky bottom. 1

I see a lot of litter in the lakes, which can hopefully be addressed. We love the city of White Bear Lake and the water amenities and resources we have here. I'm happy the city is looking into strategic planning around this topic. 1

I think it unnecessary to water lawns right in down town WBL when it is raining or rained last night. I see it all the time. These are old outdated underground sprinklers who's owners seem to be unaware of 1

I would love to see a community effort to end the use of herbicide and pesticides. Encourage homeowners and businesses to plant native plants and grasses thereby reducing the need to water turf lawns. I would also ask those residents along Shore Drive to stop seeding lawn grasses in areas that were once under water. This group seems to be doing the most complaining about the loss "our lake" and making the worst decisions about wetland maintenance. 1

I'd like to see more home owners held accountable for cleaning leaves from their driveways and roads. Lots of regulations seem to be targeted to homeowners. What are you doing to make businesses/business owners more environmentally friendly? Educate city residents on how the responsibility is spread to all WBL city occupants. 1

I'm a little concerned about a popularity contest to guide public program development of unknown cost to solve technical problems. So, if people all say that leaves are the biggest threat to water quality, does that make it true? If people say they want trees planted, do we allocate \$100,000 a year to it even if street sweeping funded at half that amount provided a greater water quality benefit? This survey should have been limited to questions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11. 1

In the long term, consider using St. Paul water supply to take pressure off the aquifer. 1

Increase the cost of water for those who use excessive amounts caused by lawn irrigation. Compare winter use to summer use and charge fold for usage over winter average. 1

Is there not enough run off rain water from the streets around White Bear lake with the installation of the streets and walking paths that are raised up? 1

It appears that the water conservation program has been successful. How about rallying the residents around ways to Clean up the water going into our lake and ponds? 1

It is unconscionable that lakeshore owners and WBL homeowners water their lawns the way they do, with little regard to restrictions. There is simply too much stress on groundwater resources. Start enforcing watering bans! 1

It would be informative to see a map showing the different points where water enters the system and where it ends up. Separate description of volume, make-up of water quality entering the system at different entrance points would be helpful. 1

Keep more runoff in White Bear Lake. Some systems that will treat runoff and then move that water into the ground, rain gardens and or into the bodies of water (Lakes). 1

Keep water prices competitive 1



Lake level! Although it is up from record rainfall this year, it will go back down without fixing it. We need money to build a system to fix this ASAP.	1
Lake levels.	1
Let the lake recover naturally. It is almost back to normal without any augmentation. Lake residents should not expect constant lake levels with this type of lake it is part of nature's course. Look at all of the new buffer vegetation!!	1
Let white bear lake use nature to return its lake level not taxpayer dollars	1
Level of water on WB lake.	1
Manage an equitable use of the waters of White Bear Lake and the local aquifer with respect to all users. Require rain switches on residential irrigation systems. Sell toilet tank bricks to reduce water use and finance public education on water use.	1
My daughter lives on Peppertree Pond and we take walks in the area. I am passionate about our environment. My current concern is about the HUGE Bohemian Knotweed hedges that are on Hiner's Pond. I don't think many of the people realize how invasive that is and what they can do about it. Since it is so invasive and already on a shoreline, I think concerted efforts should be made to eradicate it. If you would like some additional advice, connect with David Nelson, who is a MN Master Naturalist for North Metro Chapter. He's been involved in eradicating Japanese Knotweed in N. St. Paul and is a wealth of knowledge. He told me that he'd be happy to help and you could reach him at north2020@yahoo.com or his cell is 612.201.2142 I live on a small lake in Maplewood and restored our entire shoreline 15-20 years ago. I've been a volunteer on the RWMWD for 15 on the Landscape Ecology Awards Program committee that gives awards to landowners who practice good water management practices. I'm a professional photographer and donate a lot of my time and images. You can reach me at anita@anitajader.com	1
Open Ramsey County beach.	1
People littering at parks and lakes. People using too much lawn care products and deicer.	1
People who live on lakes should not be able to use fertilizer on their lawns, which has a direct effect on water clarity and algae growth. Also should have natural vegetation buffer.	1
Please educate residents that it's okay to NOT have green lawns in the summer. As a former Seattle resident, where summer droughts are "normal", residents are used to brown lawns that ALWAYS become green again. If the brown lawns are offensive, there are native plant options that can be used instead of a lawn. Our lake is important ---so important that our town is named after it!	1
Please focus on sustainability and allowing the general public access to use or see the water. As a middle class person, I do not want more shoreline to be taken up with developments or houses only for those with money. I really like the public sitting area and dock next to the VFW. I would like to have inexpensive kayak or canoe rentals for WBL. We cannot afford to live on the lake or to have a boat, and it's a shame that we are so close to the lake yet cannot actually afford to go out on it unless invited by others. Thank you!	1
Pretty soon we won't be able to see lake by Matoska because so many trees have	1

grown. My fear is that the vegetation will block all our views on this side of lake. Price Lake needs to be drained and dredged. The quality is horrendous and gets worse every year.	1
Primarily concerned with water levels in WBL. Miss going to beach there to swim n enjoy the sun.	1
Protect our limited public swimming beaches from anchored party boats too near the beach and people trying to swim.	1
Protect the lakes and streams for public use. Stop developing adjacent land unless for public use. Hold businesses accountable for their use and misuse of water resources	1
Put the storm water back into the lake. Do more passive rerouting of excess water run off to WBL to increase the volume to allow more "room" for the lake to fluctuate without wide swings in levels.	1
Raise city fees to pay for city improvements. It's time to start acting like a third ring suburb of a Major metropolitan area instead of a trailer park.	1
Saw a large amount of zebra mussels on docks in the fall.	1
Second Street dumps right into the lake it is horrible as there is no buffering after Manitou days all the plastic garbage from the street is dumped right into White Bear Lake.	1
Signage at the public boat ramps educating the general public to not litter. I would also like to see an area marked off limits for all motorized boats to protect nesting Common Loons.	1
Stop selling water to excessive users for so cheap.	1
Stop the golf courses from using the water. More planting and habitat restoration. Decrease impervious surfaces throughout city. Less cement and asphalt. More plants. Shoreline development in the city needs more plantings and fewer hard surfaces....landscape developers LOVE to add hard surfaces, but they are wrong in their approach. Planting more trees and plants will help the water. Eliminate storm water drains to the lake all together and increase retention ponds. Do not augment the lake with water from other lakes or the Mississippi, it is too expensive and impractical. OPEN RAMSEY BEACH!!!!	1
Storm sewer runoff from Banning into WBL contains lots of trash (cigarette butts, paper bags, wrappers, etc.) Anything that can be done to improve will be appreciated.	1
Stress water conservation. Stop running sprinklers in all but new sod applications. Conservation education. And we really appreciated the grants to replace our toilets. But must educate; no one else knows about things like the toilet replacement program.	1
Team up with surrounding constituents to agree on a comprehensive plan to manage water levels on the lake so we don't have these yo-yo fluctuations which hurt lake quality and hinder opportunities to use the lake for recreation.	1
Thank you for asking for our opinions!	1
The diversion of water away from White Bear Lake through development over the past few decades has been a part of the issue with the lake level variances. White Bear Lake needs rain runoff due to its minimal watershed area. Providing clean runoff to the lake is the challenge. Developing holding areas, rain gardens, etc...should be	1

strongly considered as streets are reconstructed in the future.	
The lake is beautiful. I don't see any problems and I don't think there really are any problems. I think pet owners do need to be more responsible in picking up their dog waste.	1
This survey is a fantastic step in the right direction. My suggestion is to keep on this path, and involve the community as much as possible in decision making.	1
This survey is biased in that it is seeking negative views on the water quality. So, it won't be surprising when your results show you that everyone is concerned and wants you to do something (since those are the only choices). I would like to point out that many of us think there is a bit too much overreach.	1
Too late but more info on invasive species and how to minimize transport to other waters specific to lake property home owners. And more boat launch inspections.	1
Too many people in the neighborhood use sprinklers to water their lawn whenever they want, however long they want, however often they want. Some people are half spraying the sidewalk too! It's a waste of water just because it's so important to them how their grass & lawn looks, when really, that's not even important.	1
Use incentives or regs to reduce lawn watering and use of lawn chemicals	1
Use shallow ditches rather than curbs and gutters to avoid the accumulation of pollutants on streets.	1
WBL has a historic opportunity to lead the process of restoring and protecting its namesake lake. Despite the combined three wettest years in recorded history the lake is still over two feet below ordinary high water. If we do not address the systemic water imbalance of WBL with clean water augmentation, it will be further degraded.	1
Look at the very early photographs of the lake from the 1800s, we are losing large areas of the lake to accretion of land. It has been almost 15 years since we have had ordinary high water despite above average rainfall during this timeframe.	
WBL looks great. Yes, it changes over the years. I am sorry the lake residents are affected. However I don't want to pay for them to have the lake back to the condition it was years ago.	1
Water level of WBL.	1
We have all learned a lot about water in the last 5 years the awareness is much greater which is necessary. We only have our natural resources one time around, its crucial we don't screw it up. This survey is excellent.	1
We must repair WBL. I have only lived in White Bear Lake the last 10 years and the lake levels are so low we are about to lose the leg all together. My kids used to swim in the lake now it's so dirty, shallow, lake is drying up.	1
We need more areas for beaches. Clean up the vegetation from Ramsey Park.	1
We need more water conservation.	1
We need to be aware that we have a small watershed . The action of the city and surrounding suburbs have affected the lake level. Modifying the water shed in the past years has affected the lake level which in turn has allowed milfoil and other weeds to over take the lake. We had over forty inches of rain this year . The lake only came up roughly two feet. Rain gardens are killing the lake!!!	1
We should not rob Peter to pay Paul. Reconstruction of storm sewer assets will be a	1

costly expense in the near future. Inspect, maintenance and repair public works infrastructure before it fails and we have to replace it. It is important to protect the water, but the Utility Budget and enterprise funds should be protected from over reach and over reaction to a temporary problem with the lake.

We still need a solution to the lake level.	1
White Bear Lake needs to have Lake augmentation.	1
White Bear Lake water level resolution.	1
Ban lawn watering. The rain does a fine job.	1
Find where the leak in our lake is, and do something, not just sue the state or county. Get the state to turn the pump house back on.	1
Total	93