

Lake George – Planning for the Next Century Lake George Basin-wide Survey

Survey Prologue

This survey is being conducted as part of an extensive undertaking, the end result of which will be incorporated into establishment of a program of actions and initiatives that will enhance and improve the water quality and natural resources of the Lake George Basin

The survey is being made available throughout the Lake George Basin. The survey is being disseminated by various means, including direct mail, duplication and distribution to various public venues, such as public, libraries, town halls, lake associated institutions, as well as being posted as one of the items at the following internet web page address: www.lakegeorge2000.org

Respondents are requested to complete **only one** copy of the survey, as thoroughly as possible and return the completed survey to the address provided below:

Lake George – Planning for the Next Century
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Survey Questionnaire

1. Which choice listed below best describes the amount of time spent per year at your property within the Lake George Basin?

Weekends only	_____
Part of summer only	_____
Part of summer, plus some weekends	_____
Whole summer	_____
Year Round	_____
Other (please specify)	_____

2. Have you noticed any deterioration in water quality? (check as many as appropriate)

a. since last year	_____
b. in the last 5 years	_____
c. in the last 5 to 10 years	_____
d. in the last 10 to 25 years	_____
e. no change in water quality	_____
f. water quality has improved	_____
g. not sure	_____

3. Do you believe the following conditions are a problem in Lake George? (Circle one in each category)

	1-----	2-----	3-----	4-----	5	
	no problem	minor problem			serious problem	
a.	rooted aquatic plants	1	2	3	4	5
B.	algae blooms	1	2	3	4	5
C.	turbid/colored waters	1	2	3	4	5
D.	water taste or odor	1	2	3	4	5
E.	lake level too high	1	2	3	4	5
F.	water too warm or cold	1	2	3	4	5
G.	poor bottom conditions	1	2	3	4	5
H.	swimmers itch or bacteria	1	2	3	4	5
I.	acid rain	1	2	3	4	5
J.	poor fishing	1	2	3	4	5
K.	too many people	1	2	3	4	5
L.	boating	1	2	3	4	5
M.	overdevelopment of shoreline	1	2	3	4	5
N.	development of mountainsides	1	2	3	4	5
O.	congestion of shoreline	1	2	3	4	5
P.	other issues not listed: (please rate on a scale from 1-5)					

4. Which of the following do you believe are the cause of the most significant problems on the lake?

	1-----	2-----	3-----	4-----	5	
	no problem	minor problem			serious problem	
a.	Failing septic tanks	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Runoff from farmlands/agricultural fields	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Runoff from lawn fertilizers	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Droppings from wildlife (ducks, raccoons, etc)	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Gasoline or oil from boats	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Pollutants from lakeside roadways	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Piped discharges from wastewater treatment facilities	1	2	3	4	5
h.	Salt/sanding operations in winter	1	2	3	4	5
i.	Erosion from development	1	2	3	4	5
j.	Erosion from upland logging operations	1	2	3	4	5
k.	Storm sewer discharges from residential streets	1	2	3	4	5
l.	Other causes not listed: (please rate on a scale from 1-5)					

5. What should be the goals and objectives of the Lake George – Plan for the Future?

Indicated **NI** for Not Important, **SI** for Somewhat Important, or **VI** for Very Important

To eradicate or control the introduction and spread of Eurasian Milfoil and other exotic water biota (e.g. zebra mussels, etc)	_____
To protect and enhance the water quality of the Lake	_____
To increase public awareness concerning the Basin Wide Issues	_____
To preserve and protect undeveloped/open space within the Basin	_____
To protect and preserve resources such as wetlands, fish and wildlife habitats	_____
To increase public access for boating____, swimming____, picnicking____.	_____
To protect stream corridors from development	_____
To develop a permanent water quality and testing and monitoring program	_____
To identify an institution (existing or not) that should lead and coordinate stewardship of the resources throughout the Lake George Basin	_____
Other goals and objectives not listed:	_____

6. Who should pay for the cost of preserving the water quality and natural resources of the Lake George Basin? (circle one choice for each category)

		1-----	2-----	3-----	4-----	5
	Should pay None		Should pay some		Should pay all	
a.	Federal government	1	2	3	4	5
b.	State government	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Local government	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Lake association members	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Visitors to the Lake	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Property owners	1	2	3	4	5
g.	Everyone who resides in the watershed	1	2	3	4	5

7. Have you seen a copy of the Lake George Plan Update Document?

8. Miscellaneous comments