

GREEN LAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT: SURVEY MAY 2012

4. In your opinion, how do you think we should move forward to clean up the lake?

- Lessen or stop flow of phosphorus into lake
- Nothing—Make an effort to live with and accept what mother nature offers
- Weed control does not work unless everyone is involved
- I lived here as a kid. It never has changed
- Be honest if you can help us out in the southwest corner
- Require old septic systems be upgraded
- No fertilizers used where they can run off into lake
- Install sediment ponds and sediment and runoff controls
- Clean up Wyanett Creek
- With five creeks entering the lake, I'd suggest a drastic measure—build holding ponds on the two major tributaries (Wyanett and North Brook)
- Treat plants without herbicide; reduce phosphorus
- Work with local and state agencies and continue to work together
- Grant money to control weed growth
- Treat the lake
- We are a public lake. Get funds from the state and DNR and county and fishing tournaments
- If the water quality has not changed for the better in the past five to ten years, then I don't think it ever will. Hence the name GREEN Lake
- All should pay

6. How would you recommend the weed problem be addressed?

- Is there any DNR grant money?
- There is no permanent solution
- Use taxing power to attack milfoil and quit talking about it. We don't need another survey
- Not all of us on Green Lake have disposable incomes
- Assess each homeowner a fee for weed treatment, carp removal, and reducing phosphorus and nutrient levels
- If weeds need to be removed on the lake as a whole, then it should be voted on by lot owners.
- If individuals want weeds removed in front of their lots, they should pay
- Don't just work on milfoil—also the curly pond weed
- Each homeowner take care of his own. DNR doesn't do CRAP! Won't take on milfoil

8. Other suggestions to reduce phosphorus contributed to the lake by lakeshore homeowners

- Eliminating use of fertilizers containing phosphorus has already been done in the Twin Cities area
- I don't know which elements are the highest cause of our weeds
- Where is the phosphorus coming from?
- Find out the top sources and go after the root causes
- Farm runoff
- Keep government and bureaucrats out of it

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9. Other suggestions for reducing the carp population

- Carp population is way down in last three years
- Encourage sport spearing
- Improving water quality will reduce carp
- Have an annual carp contest
- Take care of above lake quality ideas before carp
- There were more carp fifty years ago

10. Comments regarding trash being left in the lake or on the lakeshore

- Ice fishermen leave trash that floats to shore at ice out. Owners should pick up trash. No need to go further
- Icehouses/fishermen. I've seen people leave their house bases when they freeze in. Ticket icehouses leaving garbage

Other comments

- I am strongly opposed to spending large amounts of money on projects that do nothing more than improve the profit margins of those involved
- In my opinion, I have lived here for 45 years and have seen many different treatments, and it has remained the same. You cannot and should not change mother nature
- Please consider the horrendous problem in the southwest corner. Our lake is disgusting and unusable most of the summer
- Geese control?
- I'm afraid we can't afford to take action on these issues at this time
- Cleaning up the creeks that come into the lake will help. Wyanett Creek is BAD. Some controls on the creeks will help. Everything we do NOW will help later
- No weeds, no fish!
- Evaluate lake level set by Corp of Engineers way back in 1940. Lake level set since the new dam was installed is too low. Will the DNR or state assist with any funding for any above items?
- Can we please treat for swimmer's itch?
- Why was inlet on south of lake allowed to be filled in so boats cannot get up the inlet? One house cannot get their boat to the lake
- Most of trash comes in the spring. It washes in from the ice fishermen. Trash along the roads is typically from local young people
- Thanks for doing this!