

**Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission
Watershed Assessment and Visioning Exercise (WAVE)
Survey**

Survey Objectives:

1. To understand how residents interact with water resources
2. To understand how they feel about the quality of water resources
3. To understand most important criteria when they consider the quality of water resources
4. To understand who they think is responsible for protecting and improving water resources
5. To get their ideas for how water resources should be managed, improved, or protected

Survey Questions:

1. What city do you live in?

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Crystal b. Golden Valley c. Medicine Lake d. Minneapolis e. Minnetonka 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> f. New Hope g. Plymouth h. Robbinsdale i. St. Louis Park j. Other _____
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2. Do you belong to a neighborhood or lake association? Yes or No
 - a. If yes what Association do you belong to? _____
3. How do you use the lakes, streams, ponds and wetlands in your community or surrounding communities? (Choose all that apply)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Swimming b. Motor boating, waterskiing or jet skiing c. Canoeing, kayaking, or paddle boarding d. Fishing e. Watching wildlife 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> f. Walking or running on trails adjacent to the water g. In what other ways do you use water resources in your community? _____
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4. How important are the lakes, streams, ponds and wetlands to your quality of life in your community? (Choose one and answer "e")
 - a. Very important
 - b. Somewhat important
 - c. Not important
 - d. They do not impact my quality of life one way or the other
 - e. If you chose a or b, describe *how* do the water resources impact life in your community?

5. Please rank the overall quality of water bodies in your community. (Choose one and answer "f" and "g")
 - a. Excellent
 - b. Good
 - c. Fair
 - d. Poor
 - e. Very poor
 - f. *Why* do you believe the water resources currently have this quality? _____
 - g. Are there one or two water bodies that stand out as having very good or very poor water quality? If so, which ones? _____

6. What concerns you about the condition of the lakes, streams, ponds and wetlands in your community? (Choose all that apply)
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| a. Clarity of water | h. Health of the fishery |
| b. Stability of water levels | i. Abundance or diversity of aquatic plants |
| c. Flooding | j. Spread of aquatic invasive species |
| d. Abundance and diversity of wildlife | k. Amount of trash in or around the water |
| e. Condition of the shoreline, shoreline erosion | l. Ability to use the water body for recreation |
| f. Sediment filling in the water body | m. Other _____ |
| g. Pollution in the water | |
7. What results will make the biggest difference in the overall quality of water bodies in your community? (Choose two)
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| a. Improve water clarity | f. Reduce the amount of storm water runoff entering water resources |
| b. Reduce the abundance of algae | g. Improve the condition of shorelines |
| c. Reduce the amount of invasive aquatic plants | h. Create additional water access points |
| d. Take action against invasive aquatic animals | i. Reduce contaminants |
| e. Implement flood control measures to reduce flooding | |
8. What actions are you willing to take around your home and yard to improve water quality? (Choose all that apply.)
- Direct gutter downspouts into lawns or plantings (rather than onto hard surfaces like driveways)
 - Keep grass clippings and leaves out of the street
 - Use a rain barrel to capture and use rainwater
 - Install a rain garden
 - Discontinue the use of driveway sealants that contain coal tar
 - Sweep up fertilizer from sidewalks and driveways
 - Pick up after your pet
 - Wash your car on the lawn or at a carwash
 - Keep your car in good repair to prevent oil leaks, etc.
 - Participate in volunteer activities with your city or watershed
9. If you had a question or concern about the water bodies in your community, who would you contact?

10. How do you learn about water projects going on in your community? _____
11. Do you feel that in terms of information about water projects being done in your community you receive
- Too much information about the projects
 - The right amount of information about the projects
 - Not enough information about the projects
12. How would you like to receive information about water projects going on in your community? _____

We would like YOUR ideas and thoughts about the lakes, streams, ponds and wetlands in your community:

13. Considering the water bodies in your community, what are your major concerns or issues that should be addressed?

14. What actions should be taken to address your issues and who should take those actions? _____
15. Other comments about water resources: _____