

OTTER LAKE - SUSTAINABLE LAKE PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE – 2015

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Prior to the creation of the **Sustainable Lake Plan**, a questionnaire was mailed to all known addresses of property owners on the lake. Returned responses influenced the direction of the Lake Plan Committee.

Of the 295 surveys mailed out, 107 responses were received, representing a response level of over 36%. Of the 107 replies, 37 were primary residents, 68 seasonal residents and 2 business owners.

The top 3 responses for each question.

1. Please rate how the following characteristics add to your personal enjoyment of the lake?

Very Important!

Water Quality: 94.39%

Swimming: 70.09%

Peace & Quiet: 60.75%

2. During the past 5 years how much negative impact have the following issues and concerns had on the enjoyment of your property?

Significant Impact!

Algae & Aquatic Plants: 31.78%

Power Boat Traffic: 16.82%

Excessive Lights & Towers: 4.67%

3. Please identify the top 3 actions you believe should be taken to preserve and enhance our lake for future generations?

Rated First!

Nutrient Runoff Control: 42.99%

Shoreline Preservation: 26.17%

Development Control: 25.23%

4. To improve or preserve water quality I would support the following activities:

Water testing: 94.39%

Limit fertilizer use in the Watershed: 83.18%

Mandatory septic inspection: 72.90%