

## Property Owner Opinion Survey (Summer 2007)

<b>Response rate:</b>	225	(23%)
<b>Average age:</b>	57	
<b>Average household size:</b>	2.8	
<b>Male respondents:</b>	124	
<b>Female respondents:</b>	82	

### Property location

Lakefront:	79	(37%)
LRMD only:	38	(18%)
Watershed only:	18	(8%)
LRMD + Watershed:	77	(36%)

### Property type

Permanent residential home:	124	(57% of residential homes)
Part-time residential home:	92	(43% of residential homes)
Agricultural land:	6	
Vacant/undeveloped:	6	
Business/commercial:	2	
Renter:	1	

<b>Off-lake landowners w/ access rights:</b>	70	(53%)
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### Years of property ownership

< 1 year:	7	(3%)
1-3 years:	27	(12%)
4-10 years:	59	(26%)
11-20 years:	59	(26%)
21-30 years:	25	(11%)
30+ years:	47	(21%)

### Property use during summer

Never:	3	(1%)
1-3 days/mo	9	(4%)
4-6 days/mo	10	(5%)
7-10 days/mo	22	(10%)
10+ days/mo	50	(23%)
Every day:	126	(57%)

NOTE: The next section of the survey included a series of gradient-type questions. Responses could fall anywhere along a 6-point scale between two opposing positions (i.e., always cold 1 2 3 4 5 6 always hot). For each question, the average response is shown as the first column of numbers, and then graphically on the right-hand side of the page. The second column of numbers indicate the amount of variance around the average, called standard deviation. Lower numbers signify more variable responses (low agreement), while higher numbers indicate that responses were clustered around the average (high agreement).

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<b>Frequency you visit/use lake: (not at all – every day)</b>	3.9	11.3	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center; width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%; background-color: #cccccc;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> </tr> </table>						

### Perceptions about Lake Ripley

Water clarity: (completely clear – completely murky)	3.2	32.6	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center; width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%; background-color: #cccccc;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> </tr> </table>						
Plant growth: (overly sparse – overly weed-choked)	4.1	27.7	<table border="1" style="border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center; width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%; background-color: #cccccc;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> <td style="width: 16.6%;"></td> </tr> </table>						





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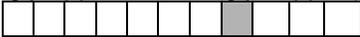
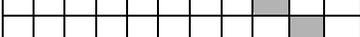
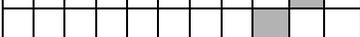
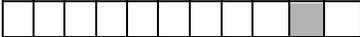
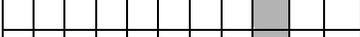
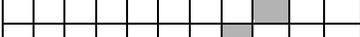
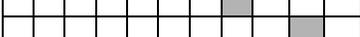
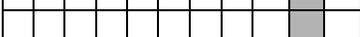
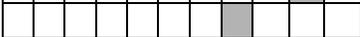
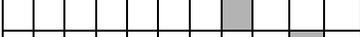
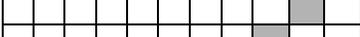
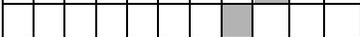
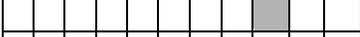
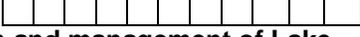
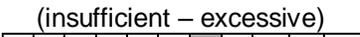
Friends and neighbors: 3.5 8.5 

**Are you aware that eligible landowners may receive 50% cost-sharing and technical assistance for projects that benefit Lake Ripley (i.e., rain gardens, shoreline restorations, etc.)?**

(not at all – very aware)

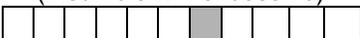
4.5 27.7 

**How do you feel about the following Lake District efforts?**

			(strongly oppose – strongly support)
Landowner cost sharing for eligible projects:	4.3	21.6	
Project design/permitting assistance:	4.4	22.0	
Development of management plans:	4.7	27.1	
Mechanical weed harvesting:	5.1	40.1	
Water quality monitoring:	5.5	54.3	
Lake-use monitoring:	5.1	42.2	
Control of invasive plants/animals:	5.5	53.8	
Negotiating land-conservation agreements:	4.9	33.8	
Lake District Preserve:	4.9	31.5	
Citizen "Lake Watch" patrols:	4.4	22.2	
Litter cleanups:	5.3	47.0	
Ripples newsletter:	5.3	50.0	
Lake Ripley E-Bulletins:	4.5	26.7	
Lake District website:	4.4	20.0	
Pursuing funding through grants:	5.5	57.0	
Acquisition of conservancy areas:	5.0	40.1	
Lake research to diagnose problems:	5.2	47.1	
Lobbying for lake-protection policies:	5.0	39.9	
Public meetings/forums:	4.6	26.7	
Property owner surveys:	4.9	33.7	

**How do you feel about the portion of your tax bill that finances the protection and management of Lake Ripley (\$53 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation)?**

(insufficient – excessive)

3.8 22.1 

**What about Lake Ripley or its management do you appreciate the most? (10+ mentions)**

- 65: Proactive/concerned management
- 16: Maintaining clear and clean water quality
- 14: Public information/education/awareness
- 12: Natural scenic beauty
- 11: Community/citizen activism

**Is there anything about Lake Ripley or its management you find most concerning? (10+ mentions)**

- 29: "No"
- 10: Management's agenda or approach to decision making

**What specific actions are needed to better protect and manage Lake Ripley? (10+ mentions)**

- 15: Limit lake access to control crowding
- 14: Cut more weeds
- 13: Continue current management efforts

**What topics would you like to learn more about in future newsletters or articles? (10+ mentions)**

- 10: Homeowner tips relating to yard care and lake-protection strategies