(23%)

225

57

2.8

124

Response rate:

Male respondents:

Average household size:

Average age:

Female respondents: 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	
Off-lake landowners w/ access rights: 70	(53%)
Years of property ownership	
< 1 year: 7	(3%)
1-3 years: 27	,
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	()
7-10 days/mo 22	,
10+ days/mo 50	(23%)
Every day: 126	(57%)
scale between two opposing positions (i.e., always cold <u>1 2 3 4 5</u> as the first column of numbers, and then graphically on the right-h	nt-type questions. Responses could fall anywhere along a 6-point 6 always hot). For each question, the <u>average</u> response is shown and side of the page. The second column of numbers indicate the . Lower numbers signify more variable responses (low agreement), nd the average (high agreement).
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	Average Standard 1 2 3 4 5 6
Frequency you visit/use lake: (not at all – every day)	(1-6 scale) Deviation
Perceptions about Lake Ripley	
Water clarity: (completely clear – completely murky)	3.2 32.6
Plant growth: (overly sparse – overly weed-choked)	4.1 27.7
i lant growth. (overly sparse - overly weed-choked)	7.1 21.1

Weekend crowding: (calm – overly crowded)	4.5	26.5					
Weekday crowding: (calm – overly crowded)	2.0	36.1					
Public boating access: (too little – too much)	3.8	20.8					
Public swimming access: (too little – too much)	3.2	34.2					
Public shore fishing access: (too little – too much)	2.6	19.3					
Local lake rules: (inadequate – overly restrictive)	3.5	23.1					
Local lake rules: (very unfair – very fair)	4.4	18.5					
Law enforcement: (inadequate – overly aggressive)	3.7	15.5					
Quality of life near lake: (very negative – very positive)	5.0	36.6					

# What value do (or would) you place on each of the following as far as contributing to your "quality of life" as a local property owner?

			(not important - very imp	ortant)
Presence of lake:	5.3	56.1		
Good fishing:	4.0	13.6	s	
Peace and tranquility:	5.2	44.6	3	
Natural scenic beauty:	5.3	50.1		
Clear water:	5.2	44.4	,	
Safe water quality:	5.5	59.0		
Slow-no-wake boating policies:	4.6	26.5	5	
Unique and diverse wildlife:	4.7	30.3	3	
Access to public beach:	3.8	9.9	)	
Access to public boat launch:	3.8	11.7	,	
Access to public shore fishing:	3.1	14.4	,	
Access to walking/biking paths:	4.2	19.5	5	
Access to Lake District Preserve:	3.7	11.6	s	
Healthy aquatic plant community:	4.9	33.4	,	
Abundant fish and wildlife habitat:	4.9	36.8	3	
Minimal boat traffic:	4.2	18.7	, <u> </u>	
Enforcement of rules:	4.8	30.9	)	

### What activities do (or would) you and your family most enjoy while on Lake Ripley?

		(least enjoy – most enjoy)
Swimming:	4.8 34.8	3
Fishing:	4.1 16.0	
Enjoying peace and tranquility:	5.3 46.6	6
Observing wildlife:	4.6 26.1	1
Slow, motorboat cruising:	4.2 19.9	9
Jet skiing:	1.9 53.1	1
Sailing or wind surfing:	2.6 23.9	9
Paddling or canoeing:	3.8 10.5	5
Water skiing or tubing:	3.4 12.6	6
Speed boating:	2.6 28.5	5
Walking/biking around lake:	4.5 25.2	2
Visiting Lake District Preserve:	3.4 11.3	3
Visiting Lake Ripley Park:	3.8 13.6	6
Ice skating:	2.8 18.0	
Ice fishing:	2.5 27.5	5

### How does each of the following <u>currently</u> limit your use and enjoyment of Lake Ripley?

			(not	a c	onc	cer	<u>n –</u>	- bi	g p	rot	olen	<u>1)</u>
Water clarity:	3.4	11.6										
Algae:	3.8	11.1										
Lake weeds:	4.0	12.2										
Fish/wildlife habitat:	2.8	17.9										
Crowding:	3.8	13.4										
Lake rules:	2.8	16.9										
Access to lake:	2.4	27.5										
Litter:	3.1	15.9										
Quality of fishing:	2.9	17.5										
Carp:	3.3	5.9										
Building and development:	4.1	13.9										
Conflicts with other users:	3.0	11.5										
Water levels:	2.9	17.0										
Zebra mussels:	4.3	19.0										
Pier-related issues:	3.2	8.1										
Canada geese:	3.6	6.4										
Noise:	3.2	14.0										
Lack of natural scenic beauty:	2.6	20.9										

# Which of the following do you feel are <u>currently</u> Lake Ripley's biggest threats?

		_	(not an issue – big threat)
Overuse of lawn fertilizers/pesticides:	4.3	19.1	
Overuse of agricultural fertilizers/pesticides:	4.5	22.1	
Non-native, invasive plants/animals:	4.7	28.6	
Loss of habitat:	4.2	17.9	
Polluted runoff:	4.7	27.4	
Over-development:	4.5	24.0	
Over-crowding:	4.5	23.1	
Groundwater depletion:	3.7	15.7	
Lake-rule violations:	3.4	16.5	
Uninformed public:	3.8	14.2	
Lake-level fluctuations:	3.2	17.3	
Poor land-use planning:	3.7	10.3	
Misguided lake-management programs:	2.8	15.6	

### How informed do you feel about issues affecting Lake Ripley and its management?

	_	(not	at	all -	- ver	y ii	<u>nfo</u>	rm	ed)	
4.5	23.7									

#### How do you prefer to receive your Lake Ripley news and information?

			(	(lea	ast -	<u>- m</u>	ost	: pre	ete	rred	)	
Ripples newsletter:	5.4	54.7										
E-mail bulletins:	3.7	20.5										1
Attend Lake District meetings:	2.5	22.6										Ī
Cambridge Cable TV 12:	2.4	27.8										Ī
Cambridge News articles:	3.8	9.5										Ī
Lake District website:	3.1	10.6										Ī
Library:	2.1	35.3										Ī
Community workshops/events:	2.6	20.5										1
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Friends and neighbors:	3.5	8.5					
Are you aware that eligible landowners may receiv				assi	stan	ce fo	r
projects that benefit Lake Ripley (i.e., rain gardens	, shoreline restora	ations, etc.					
	4.5	07 7 F	(no	t at a	<u>ΙΙ — ν</u>	ery a	ware)
	4.3	27.7					
How do you feel about the following Lake District 6	efforts?						
•		(strong	ly opp	ose -	- str	ongly	suppo
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 t Ripley (\$53 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation)?	hat finances the p	protection a	and m	anag	jeme	ent o	Lake
		<u>-</u>	(insu	ıfficie	nt –	exce	ssive)
	3.8	22.1					

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

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

- 29:
- Management's agenda or approach to decision making 10:

#### 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
- Continue current management efforts 13:

#### 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