

APPENDIX F: Public Input

City of Minnetonka Water Resources Management Plan

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A series of outreach initiatives were undertaken by the City of Minnetonka as a component of developing the 2018 Water Resources Management Plan. Staff created a survey designed to inform the management plan according to the concerns of Minnetonka’s residents. Surveys were conducted during the weekly farmers market from 3 – 7 pm for three consecutive weeks. A link to the survey was also provided to all vendors and list serve subscribers on the farmer’s market newsletter.

The questions and subsequent responses are detailed below.

1. Do you live in the City of Minnetonka?

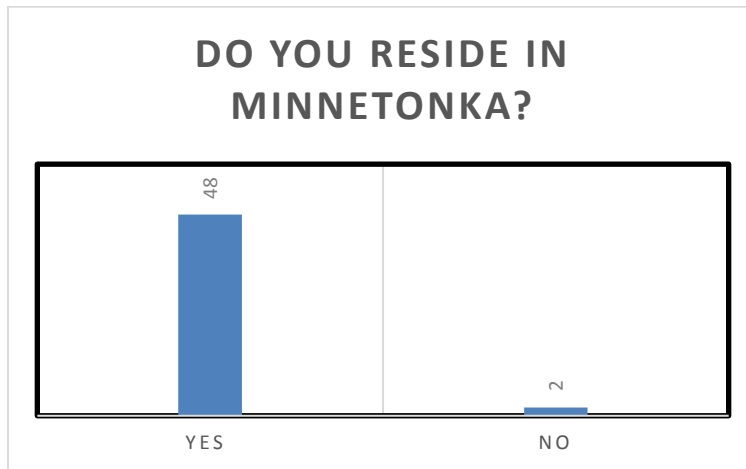


Figure 1: Residence - Responses

Yes	No
48	2

Table 1: Residence - Answer Distribution

2. Are there one or more waterbodies in your community that you are concerned about? If so, which ones? (Select all that apply).

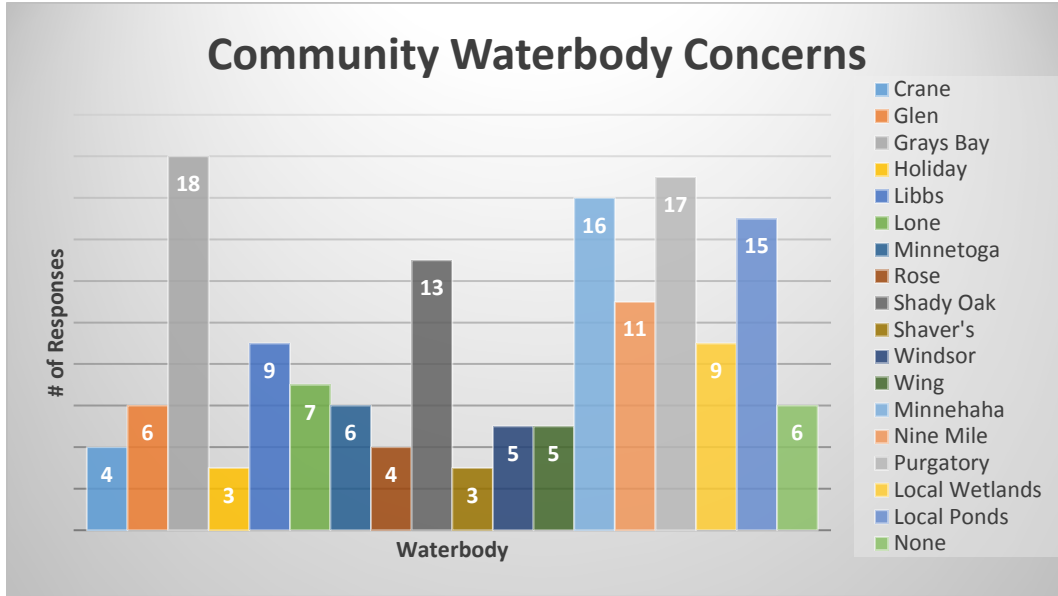


Figure 2: Community Waterbody Concerns – Responses

Waterbody	# of Responses
Crane	4
Glen	6
Grays Bay	18
Holiday	3
Libbs	9
Lone	7
Minnetoga	6
Rose	4
Shady Oak	14
Shaver's	3
Windsor	5
Wing	5
Minnehaha	16
Nine Mile	11
Purgatory	18
Local Wetlands	9
Local Ponds	15
None	6

Table 2: Community Waterbody Concerns - Answer Distribution

3. How concerned are you about surface water pollution (ex. lakes, ponds, streams, wetlands)?

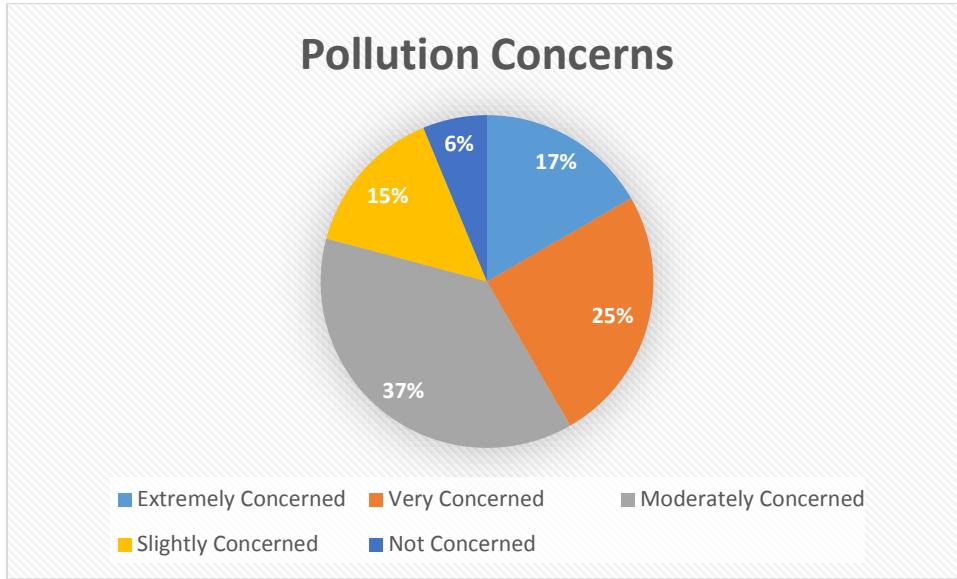


Figure 3: Pollution Concern Responses

Response	Response Count
Extremely Concerned	8
Very Concerned	13
Moderately Concerned	19
Slightly Concerned	7
Not Concerned	3
Total	50

Table 3: Pollution Concerns - Answer Distribution

4. How concerned are you about flooding?

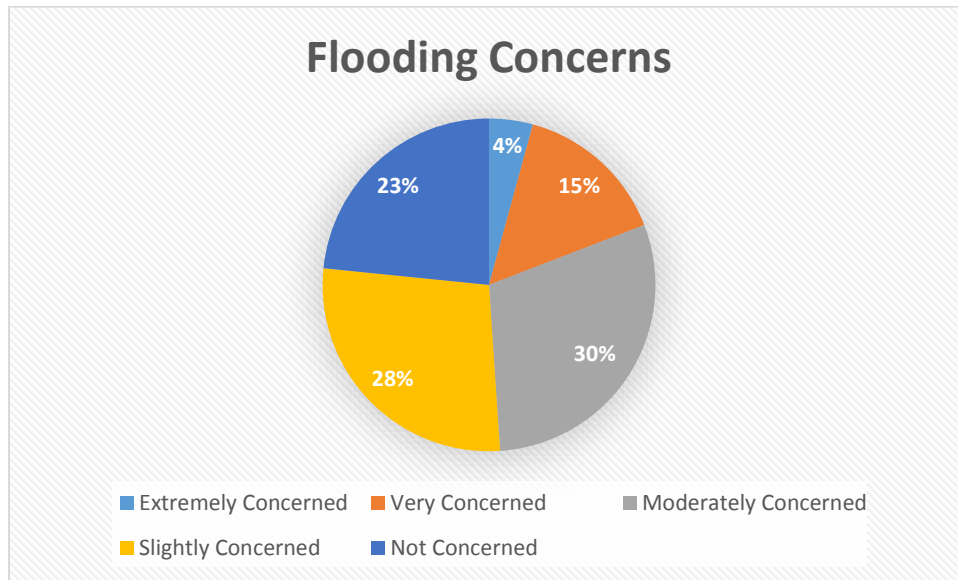


Figure 4: Flood Concerns - Responses

Response	Response Count
Extremely Concerned	2
Very Concerned	7
Moderately Concerned	14
Slightly Concerned	15
Not Concerned	11
Total	49

Table 4: Flood Concerns – Answer Distribution

5. How would you rate the overall water quality of the lakes, streams, ponds, and wetlands that are located in the City?

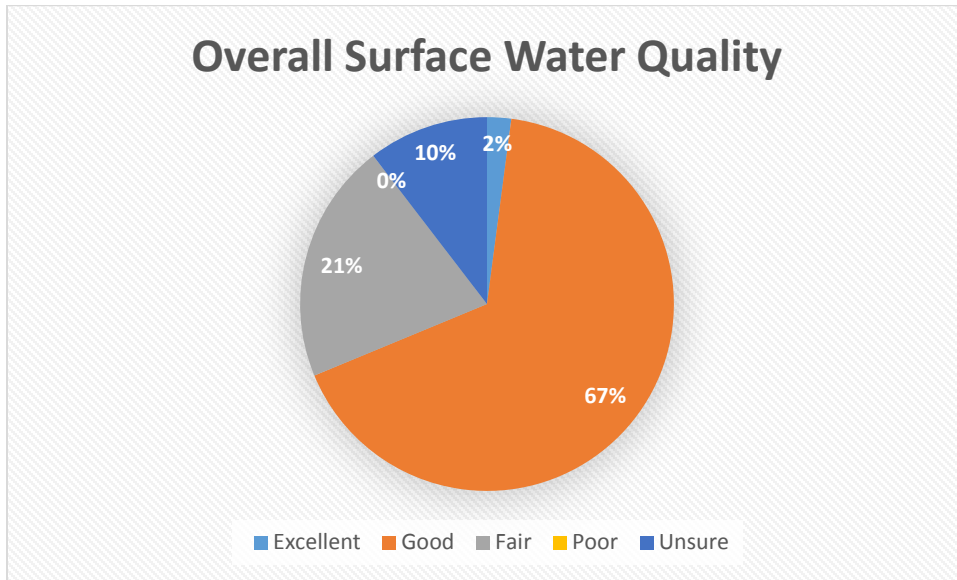


Figure 5: Overall Water Quality – Responses

Response	Response Count
Excellent	1
Good	32
Fair	12
Poor	0
Unsure	5
Total	50

Table 5: Overall Water Quality - Answer Distribution

6. What concerns do you have about lakes, streams, ponds, and wetlands in your community? (Check all that apply).

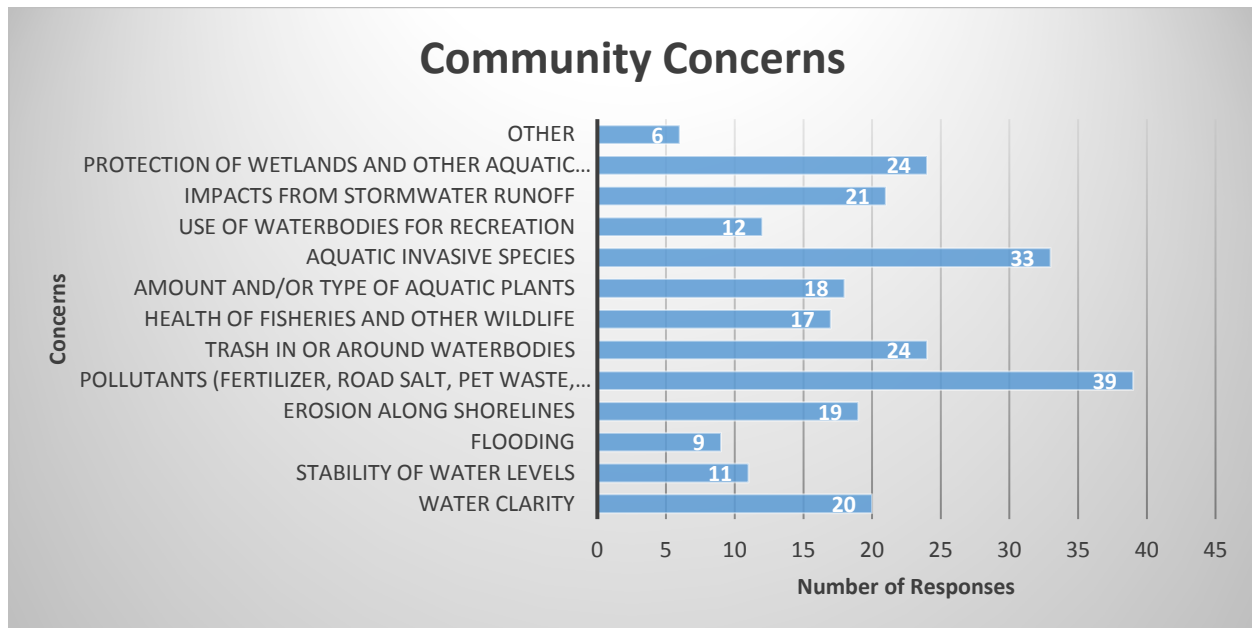


Figure 6: Community Concerns – Responses

Response	% of Respondents
Water Clarity	41.67
Stability of Water Levels	24.00
Flooding	18.00
Erosion Along Shorelines	40.00
Pollutants	82.00
Trash in or around Waterbodies	52.00
Health of Fisheries and other Wildlife	34.00
Amount and/or Type of Aquatic Plants	38.00
Aquatic Invasive Species	68.00
Use of Waterbodies for Recreation	24.00
Impacts from Stormwater Runoff	46.00
Protection of Wetlands and other Aquatic Fringe Habitats	48.00
Other	12.00

Table 6: Community Concerns - Answer Distribution

7. Thinking beyond lakes, streams, ponds, and wetlands, what are your other top concerns that relate to water in your community? (Check all that apply).

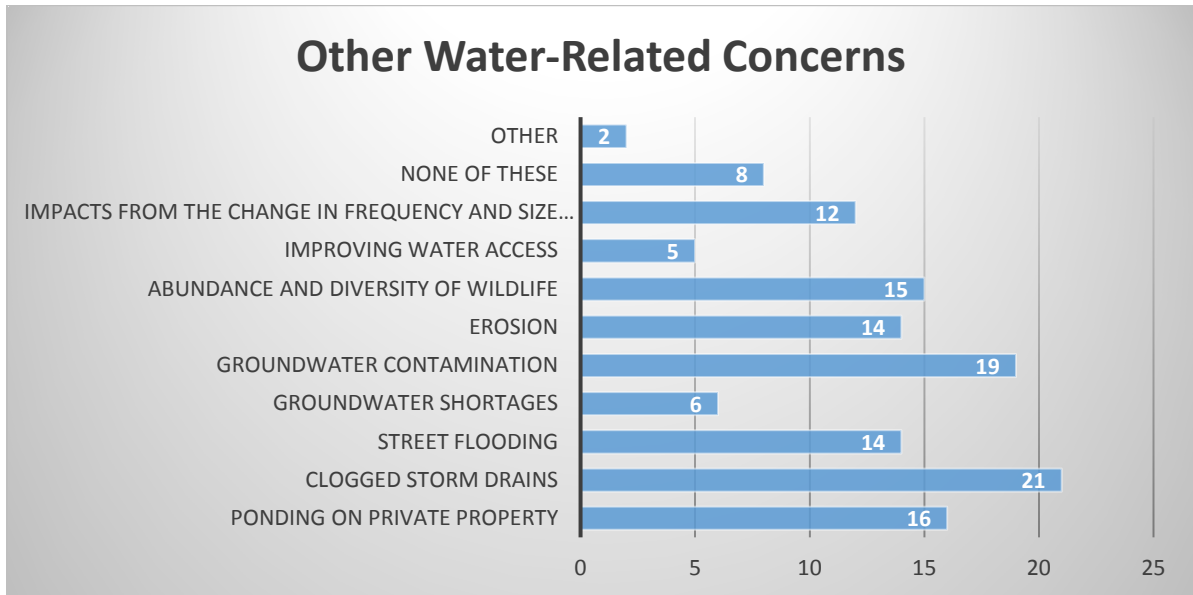


Figure 7: Other Water-Related Concerns

Response	% of Respondents
Ponding on Private Property	34.00
Clogged Storm Drains	44.00
Street Flooding	28.00
Groundwater Shortages	14.00
Groundwater Contamination	40.00
Erosion	30.00
Abundance and Diversity of Wildlife	30.00
Improving Water Access	10.00
Impacts from the Change in Frequency and Size of Rain Events	24.00
None of These	16.00
Other	4.00

Table 7: Other Water Related Concerns

8. What do you think should be the top water resource priorities for the City over the next 10 years? (Check all that apply).

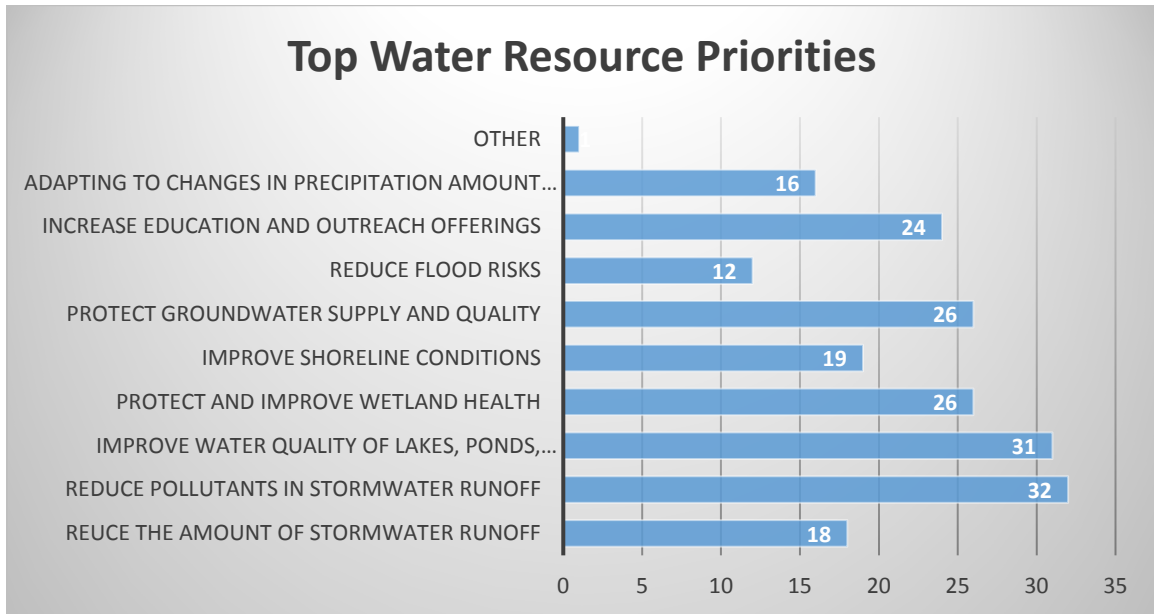


Figure 8: Community Opinion of Top Water Resource Priorities

Response	% of Respondents
Reduce the Amount of Stormwater Runoff	36.00
Reduce Pollutants in Stormwater Runoff	68.00
Improve Water Quality of Lake, Ponds, Streams, and Wetlands	66.00
Protect and Improve Wetland Health	56.00
Improve Shoreline Conditions	38.00
Protect Groundwater Supply and Quality	54.00
Reduce Flood Risks	24.00
Increase Education and Outreach Offerings	50.00
Adapting to Changes in Precipitation Amount and Intensity	32.00
Other	2.00

Table 8: Community Opinion of Top Water Resource Priorities

9. What actions are you willing to take to protect water quality, reduce stormwater runoff, or conserve water?

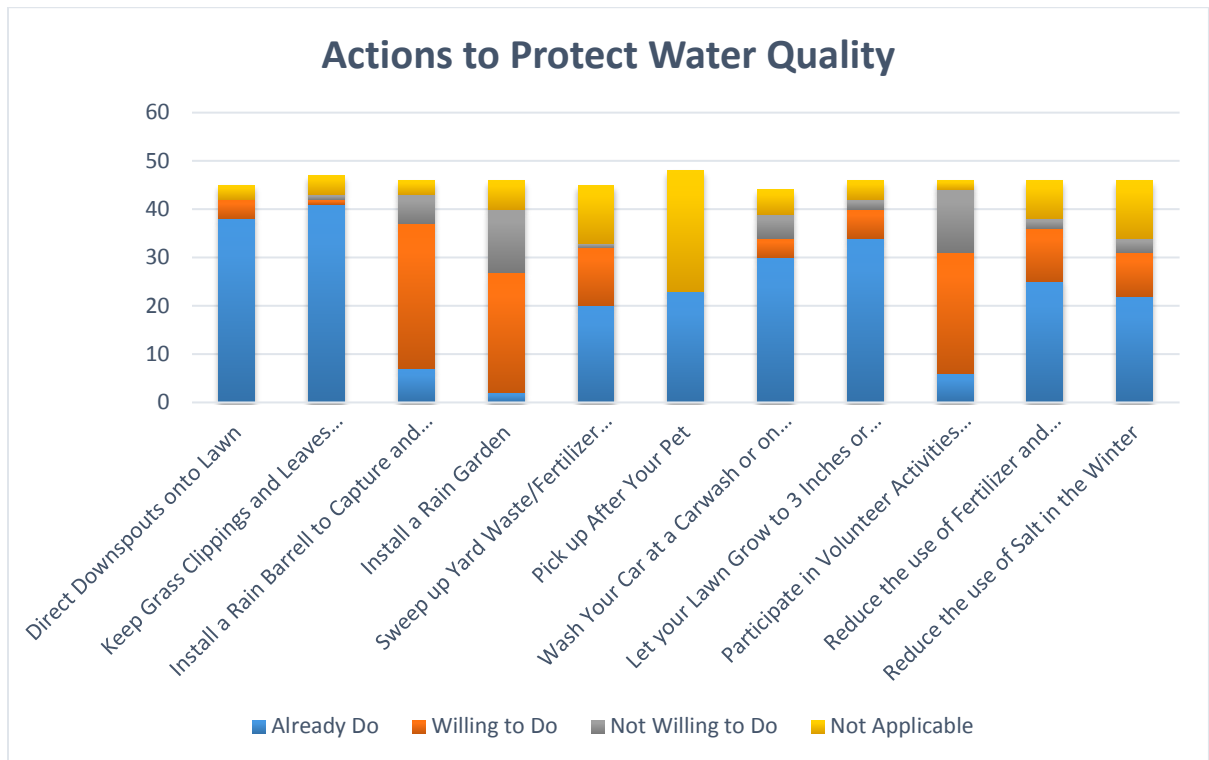


Figure 9: Actions to Protect Water Quality

Action	Already Do	Willing to Do	Not Willing to Do	Not Applicable
Direct Downspouts onto Lawn	40	4	0	3
Keep Grass Clippings and Leaves out of the Street	43	1	1	4
Install a Rain Barrel to Capture & Reuse Water	8	31	6	3
Install a Rain Garden	2	26	14	6
Sweep up Yard Waste from Hard Surfaces	21	13	1	12
Pick up After your Pet	23	0	0	27
Wash your Car at a Carwash or on the Lawn	31	5	5	5
Let your Lawn grow to 3" or more before Mowing	35	7	2	4
Participate in Volunteer Activities with Your Watershed	6	26	14	2
Reduce the use of Fertilizer and Chemical Treatments on Your Lawn	26	11	3	8
Reduce the use of Salt in the Winter	23	10	3	12

Table 9: Actions to Protect Water Quality

10. In the past year, how have you used the water resources in your community? (Check all that apply).

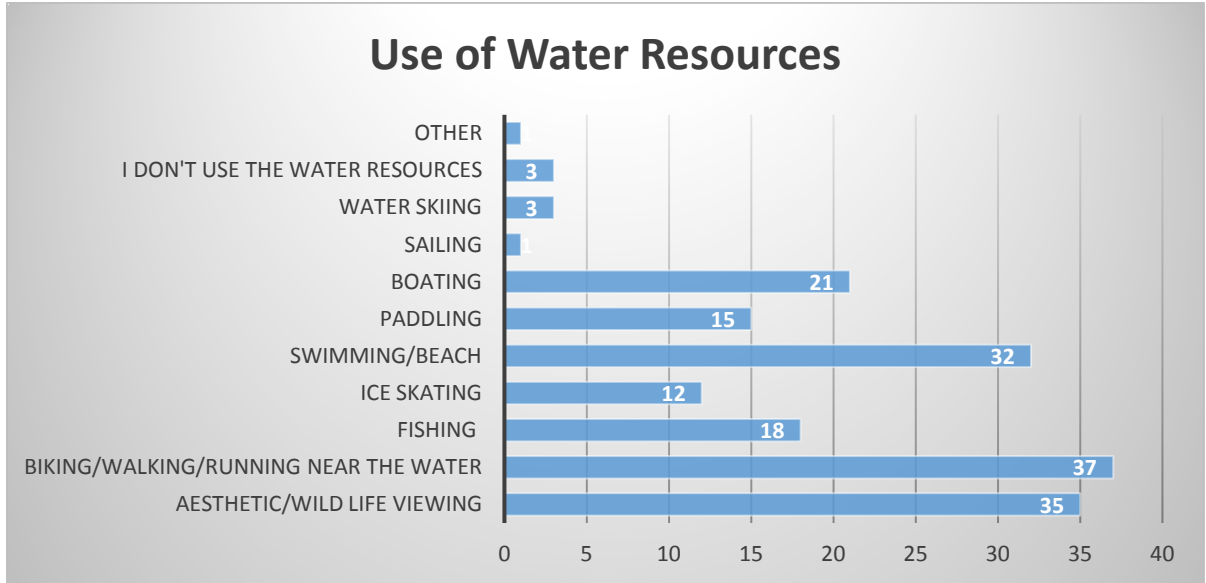


Figure 10: Community Use of Water Resources

Response	% of Respondents
Aesthetic/Wildlife Viewing	74.00
Biking/Walking/Running Near Water	78.00
Fishing	40.00
Ice Skating	24.00
Swimming/Beach	68.00
Paddling	34.00
Boating	44.00
Sailing	2.00
Water Skiing	8.00
No Use	6.00
Other	2.00

Table 10: Community Use of Water Resources

11. How important are the following water resources to the quality of life in your community?

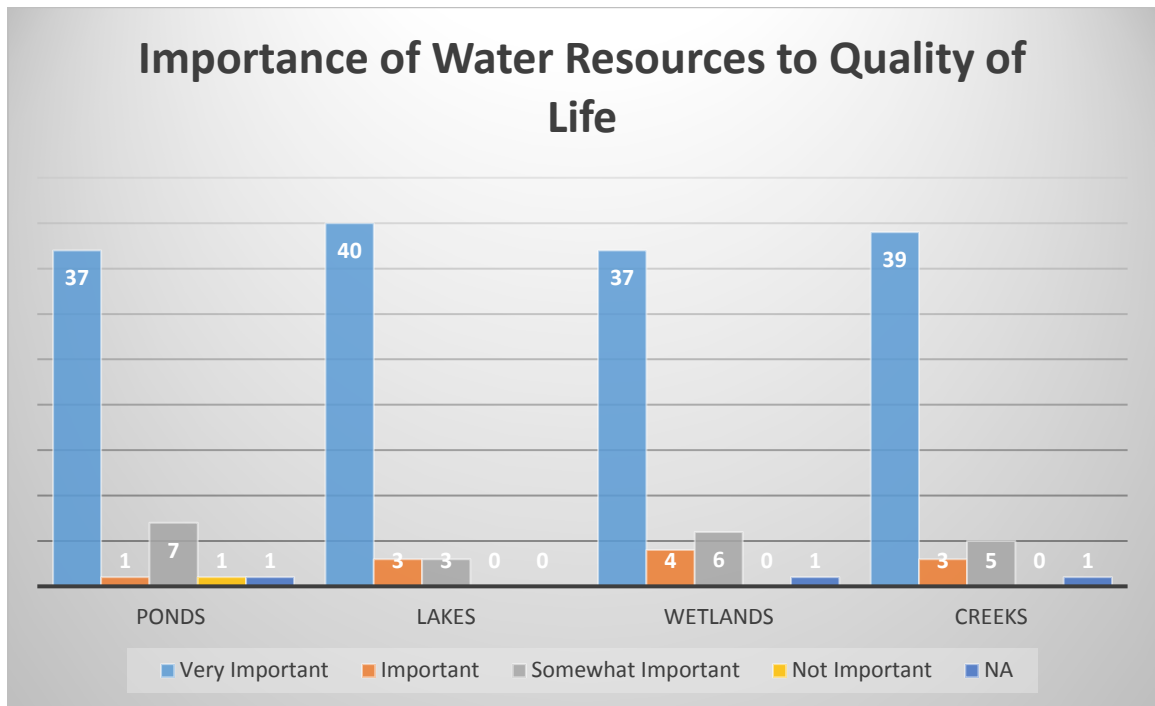


Figure 11: Importance of Water Resources to Quality of Life

	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	NA
Ponds	39	1	7	1	1
Lakes	42	3	3	0	0
Wetlands	39	4	6	0	1
Creeks	41	3	5	0	1

Table 11: Importance of Water Resources to Quality of Life

12. What is the single best way for the City to provide information to you about surface water projects, education outreach opportunities, and other information? (Choose one).

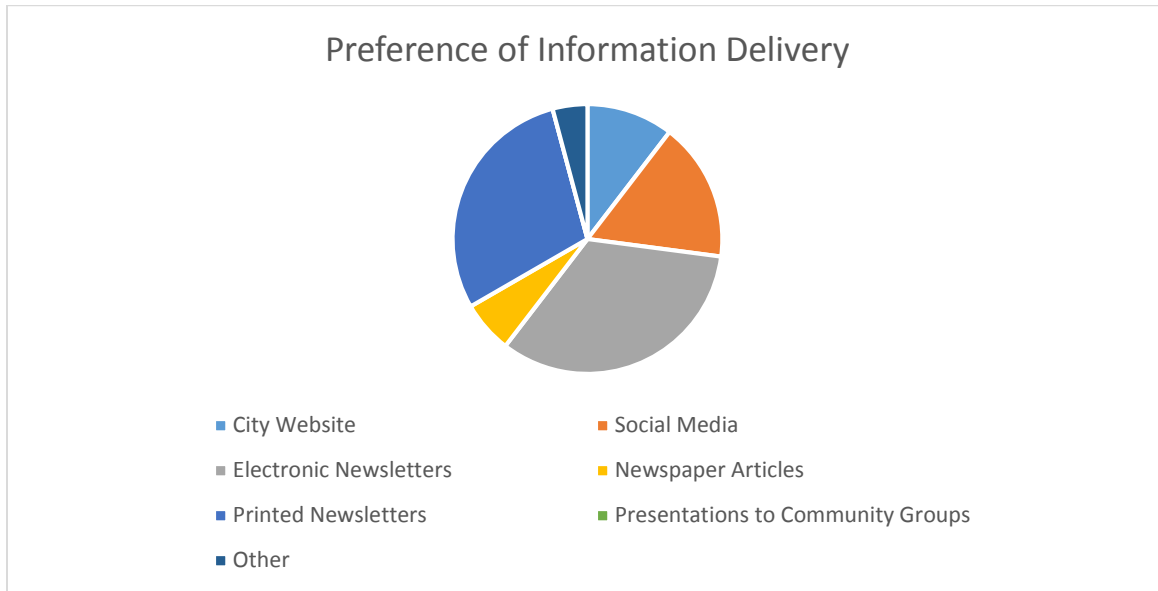


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