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APPENDIX B

Stakeholder Survey Response Charts and Comments

Pigeon Lake - Anonymous Stakeholder Survey

Surveys Distributed: 2126
Surveys Returned: 260
Response Rate: 12.2%

Pigeon Lake Property

1. How many years ago did you first visit Pigeon Lake?

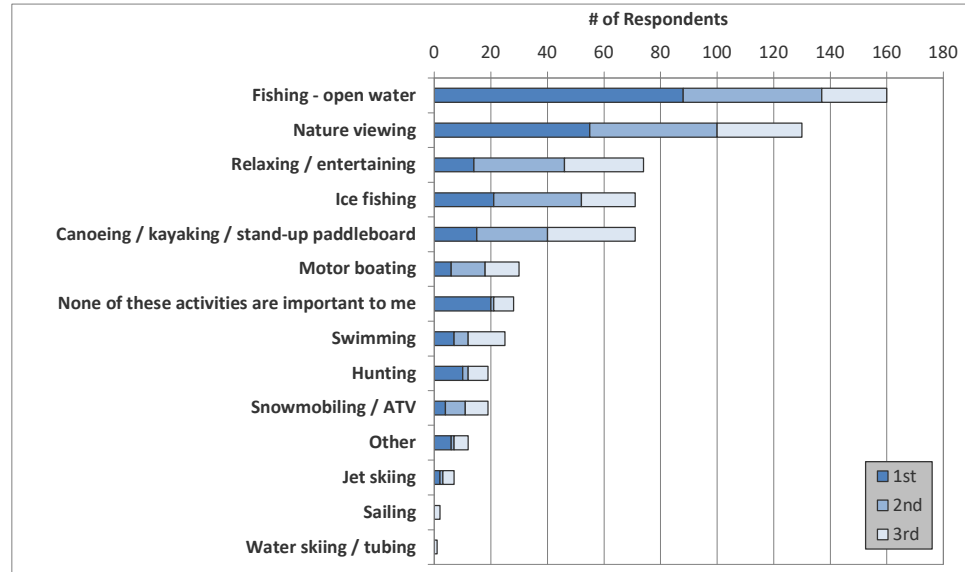
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0 to 10 years ago	27.6%	70
11 to 30 years ago	20.1%	51
31 to 50 years ago	26.8%	68
More than 50 years ago	25.6%	65
answered question		254
skipped question		6

2. Please rank up to three activities that are important reasons for owning your property on or near Pigeon Lake, with 1 being the most important.

Answer Options	1st	2nd	3rd	Rating Average	Response Count
Fishing - open water	88	49	23	1.59	160
Nature viewing	55	45	30	1.81	130
Relaxing / entertaining	14	32	28	2.19	74
Ice fishing	21	31	19	1.97	71
Canoeing / kayaking / stand-up paddleboard	15	25	31	2.23	71
Motor boating	6	12	12	2.2	30
None of these activities are important to me	20	1	7	1.54	28
Swimming	7	5	13	2.24	25
Hunting	10	2	7	1.84	19
Snowmobiling / ATV	4	7	8	2.21	19
Other	6	1	5	1.92	12
Jet skiing	2	1	4	2.29	7
Sailing	0	0	2	3	2
Water skiing / tubing	0	0	1	3	1
answered question					252
skipped question					8

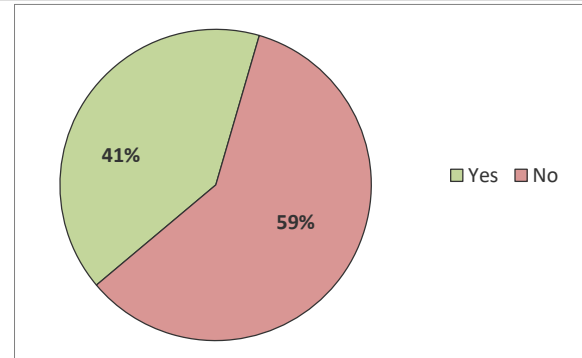
2 "Other" responses

- 1 I don't live on or near the water
- 2 Pigeon Lake is ridiculous. I do not want ANY of my money going to support Pigeon Lake.
- 3 Pigeon River stinks! We are unable to use due to debris.
- 4 For walking around
- 5 None of these activities are important to me.
- 6 Walking, skiing on the ice/snow, skating
- 7 live close, do not use
- 8 None we don't use the lake
- 9 Ice skating
- 10 None of these activities are done on pigeon lake for me.
- 11 It is pretty
- 12 Retired, home view lake
- 13 The Pigeon Lake area needs some real Pigeons
- 14 Hiking
- 15 I don't even know where this lake is
- 16 River Walking trail
- 17 hiking
- 18 I don't use it and don't care
- 19 hiking/walking



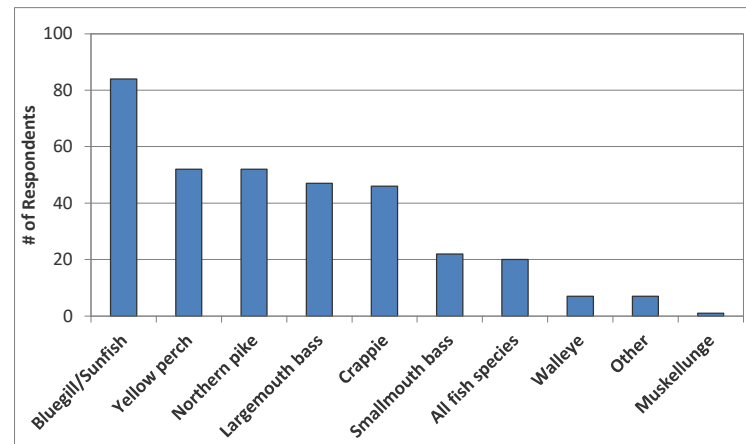
3. Have you personally fished on Pigeon Lake in the past three years?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	40.6%	104
No	59.4%	152
<i>answered question</i>		256
<i>skipped question</i>		4



4. What species of fish do you try to catch on Pigeon Lake?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Bluegill/Sunfish	80.0%	84
Yellow perch	49.5%	52
Northern pike	49.5%	52
Largemouth bass	44.8%	47
Crappie	43.8%	46
Smallmouth bass	21.0%	22
All fish species	19.1%	20
Walleye	6.7%	7
Other	6.7%	7
Muskellunge	1.0%	1
<i>answered question</i>		105
<i>skipped question</i>		155

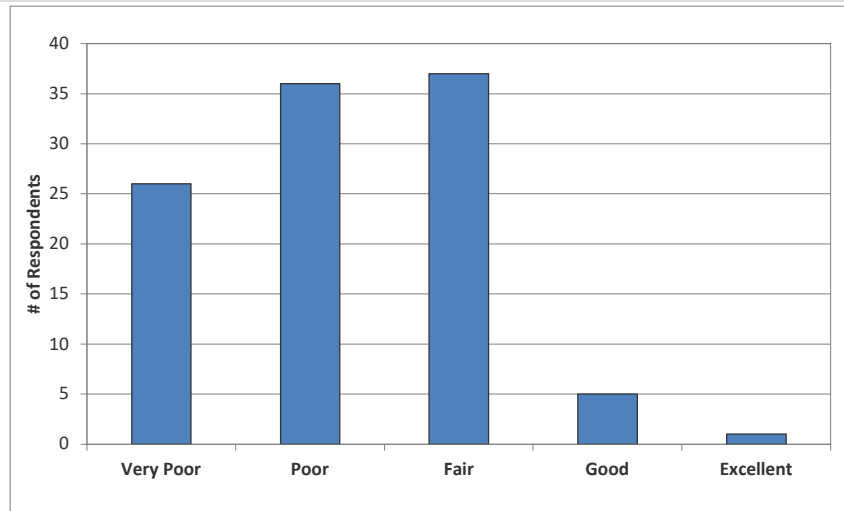


4 "Other" responses

- 1 Bullhead
- 2 Bullhead
- 3 Carp
- 4 not much since the drawdown
- 5 Rarely fish
- 6 Carp
- 7 Catfish

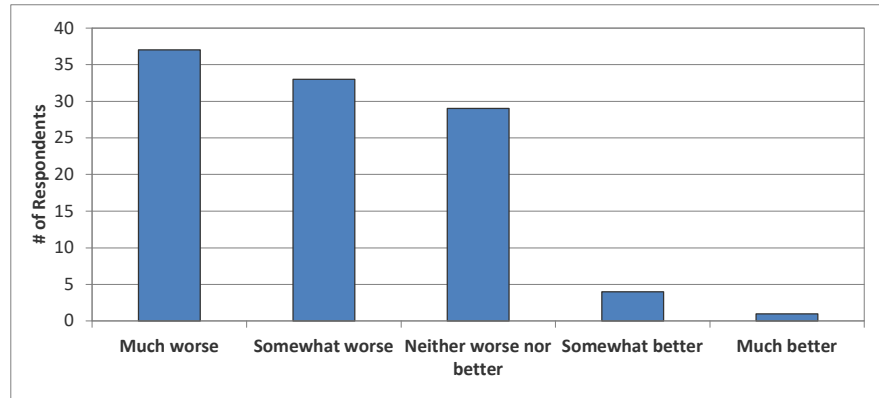
5. How would you describe the current quality of fishing on Pigeon Lake?

Answer Options	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Response Count
	26	36	37	5	1	105
	<i>answered question</i>					105
	<i>skipped question</i>					155



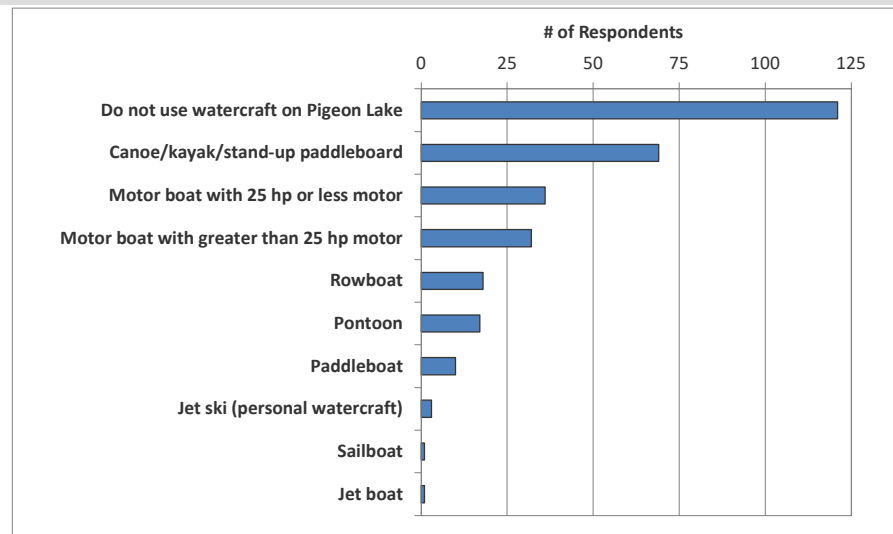
6. How has the quality of fishing changed on Pigeon Lake since you have started fishing the lake?

Answer Options	Much worse	Somewhat worse	Neither worse nor better	Somewhat better	Much better	Response Count
	37	33	29	4	1	104
<i>answered question</i>						104
<i>skipped question</i>						156



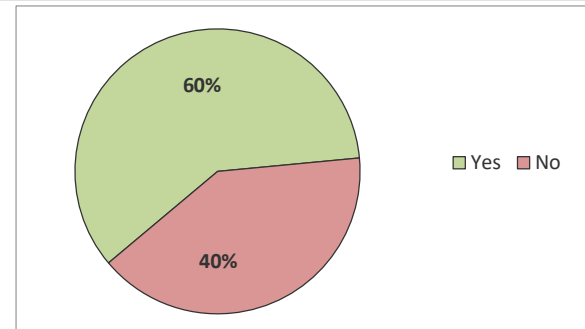
7. What types of watercraft do you currently use on Pigeon Lake?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Do not use watercraft on Pigeon Lake	47.5%	121
Canoe/kayak/stand-up paddleboard	27.1%	69
Motor boat with 25 hp or less motor	14.1%	36
Motor boat with greater than 25 hp motor	12.6%	32
Rowboat	7.1%	18
Pontoon	6.7%	17
Paddleboat	3.9%	10
Jet ski (personal watercraft)	1.2%	3
Sailboat	0.4%	1
Jet boat	0.4%	1
Do not use watercraft on any waters	0.0%	0
answered question		255
skipped question		5



8. Do you use your watercraft on waters other than Pigeon Lake?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	59.6%	152
No	40.4%	103
answered question		255
skipped question		5



9. What is your typical cleaning routine after using your watercraft on waters other than Pigeon Lake?

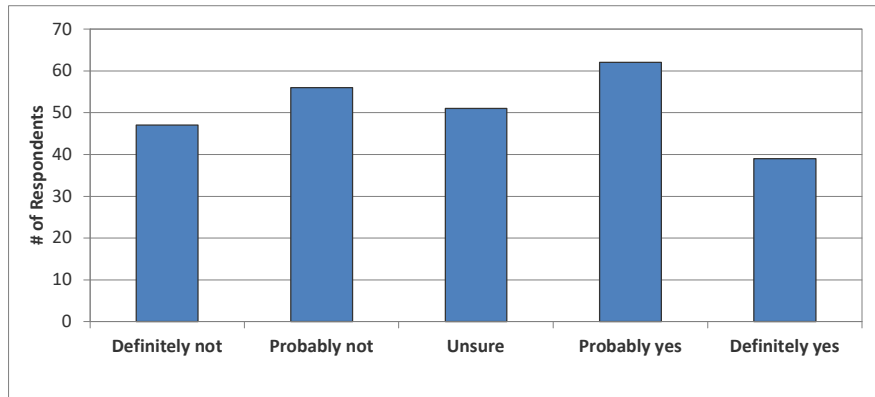
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Remove aquatic hitch-hikers (ex. - plant material, clams, mussels)	70.7%	106
Rinse boat	44.0%	66
Drain bilge	42.0%	63
Air dry boat for 5 or more days	42.0%	63
Power wash boat	10.7%	16
Do not clean boat	8.0%	12
Other	7.3%	11
Apply bleach	3.3%	5
	answered question	150
	skipped question	110

9 "Other" responses

- 1 Do not use watercraft on Pigeon pond
- 2 Don't use a boat
- 3 Don't go on lake
- 4 Extensive cleaning of the hull after coming out of the water and a spray wax.
- 5 other people own and care for boat
- 6 We leave the boat in over the summer
- 7 Boat is on lift and is cleaned annually
- 8 I do not use any water craft on this lake
- 9 Have no boat
- 10 Don't currently use watercraft on Pigeon Lake

10. If there was a public sand beach built on Pigeon Lake, with regular water quality monitoring to verify safety for swimming, would you and/or your family use it?

Answer Options	Definitely not	Probably not	Unsure	Probably yes	Definitely yes	Response Count
	47	56	51	62	39	255
	<i>answered question</i>					255
	<i>skipped question</i>					5



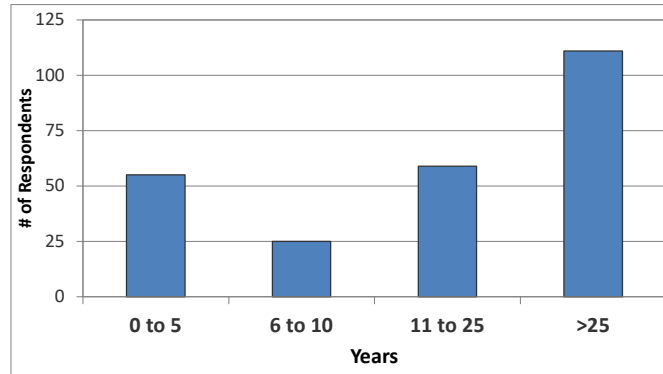
11. Is your property on the lake or off the lake?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
On the lake	22.2%	56
Off the lake	77.8%	196
<i>answered question</i>		252
<i>skipped question</i>		8

12. How many years have you owned or rented your property on or near Pigeon Lake?

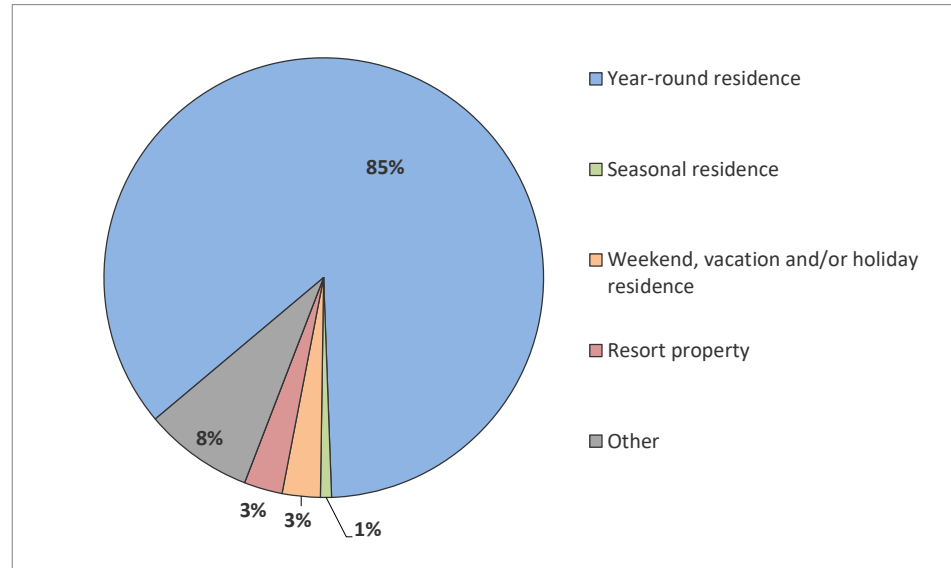
Answer Options	Response Count
	250
<i>answered question</i>	250
<i>skipped question</i>	10

Category (# of years)	Responses	% Response
0 to 5	55	22%
6 to 10	25	10%
11 to 25	59	24%
>25	111	44%



13. How is your property on or near Pigeon Lake used?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Year-round residence	85.5%	213
Seasonal residence	0.8%	2
Weekend, vacation and/or holiday residence	2.8%	7
Resort property	2.8%	7
Rental property	0.0%	0
Other	8.0%	20
answered question		249
skipped question		11



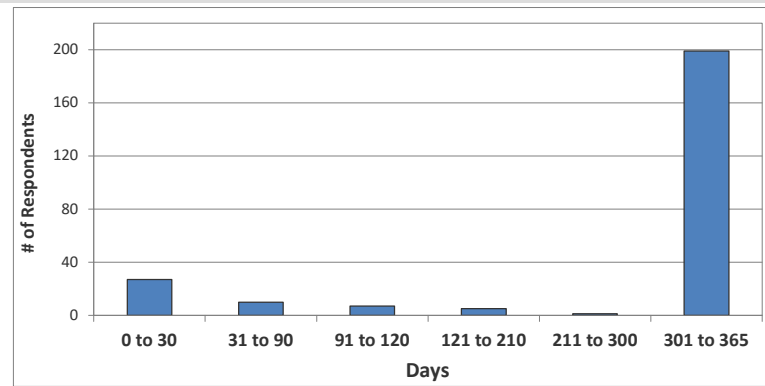
13 "Other" responses

- 1 Farming
- 2 Lake smells bad and water quality is horrible!
- 3 BUSINESS
- 4 Hunting land
- 5 bar and grill
- 6 No property on lake
- 7 hunting / farmland
- 8 Farmland
- 9 Vacant land
- 10 Woodland
- 11 Commercial
- 12 hunting land
- 13 Business and rentals
- 14 Agricultural
- 15 Non-profit
- 16 Work
- 17 I do not live on the pond or near the pond.
- 18 woodland
- 19 Don't have a place on the lake
- 20 Farming

14. Considering the past three years, how many days each year is your property used by you or others?

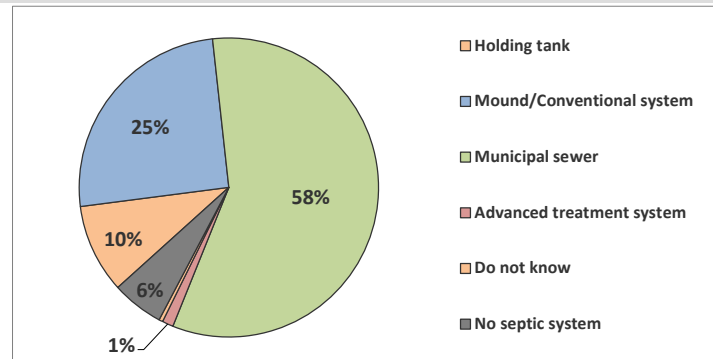
	Response Count
<i>answered question</i>	249
<i>skipped question</i>	11

Category	Responses	%
0 to 30	27	11%
31 to 90	10	4%
91 to 120	7	3%
121 to 210	5	2%
211 to 300	1	0%
301 to 365	199	80%



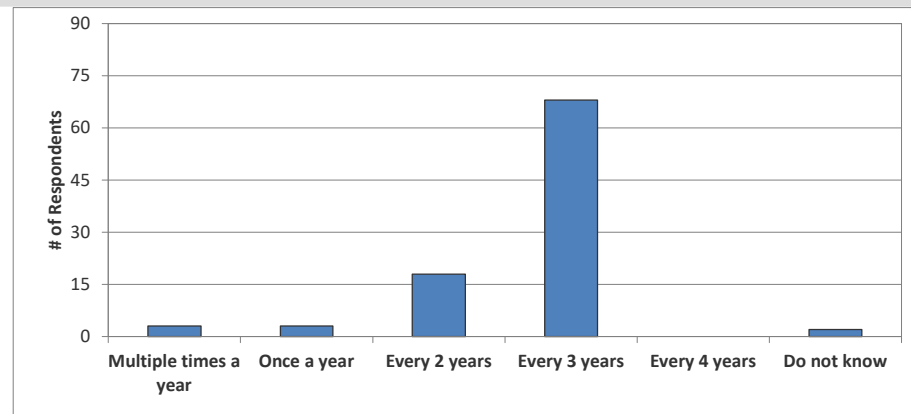
15. What type of septic system does your property have?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Holding tank	9.6%	24
Mound/Conventional system	25.3%	63
Municipal sewer	57.8%	144
Advanced treatment system	1.2%	3
Do not know	0.4%	1
No septic system	5.6%	14
answered question		249
skipped question		11



16. How often is the septic system on your property pumped?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Multiple times a year	3.2%	3
Once a year	3.2%	3
Every 2 years	19.2%	18
Every 3 years	72.3%	68
Every 4 years	0.0%	0
Do not know	2.1%	2
answered question		94
skipped question		166



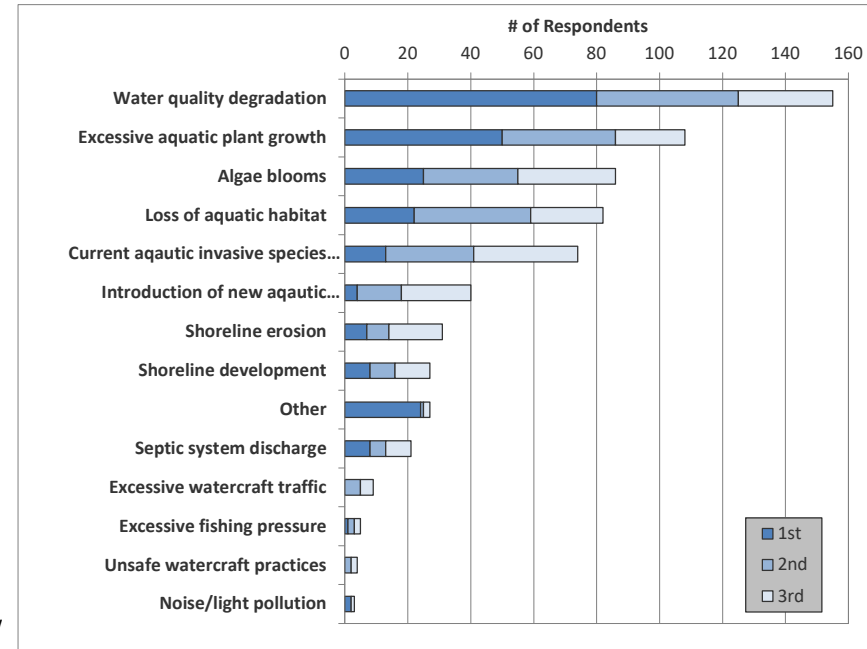
Pigeon Lake Current and Historic Condition, Health and Management

17. From the list below, please rank your top three concerns regarding Pigeon Lake, with 1 being your greatest concern.

Answer Options	1st	2nd	3rd	Response Count
Water quality degradation	80	45	30	155
Excessive aquatic plant growth	50	36	22	108
Algae blooms	25	30	31	86
Loss of aquatic habitat	22	37	23	82
Current aquatic invasive species within the lake	13	28	33	74
Introduction of new aquatic invasive species	4	14	22	40
Shoreline erosion	7	7	17	31
Shoreline development	8	8	11	27
Other	24	1	2	27
Septic system discharge	8	5	8	21
Excessive watercraft traffic	0	5	4	9
Excessive fishing pressure	1	2	2	5
Unsafe watercraft practices	0	2	2	4
Noise/light pollution	2	0	1	3
		answered question		245
		skipped question		15

17 "Other" responses

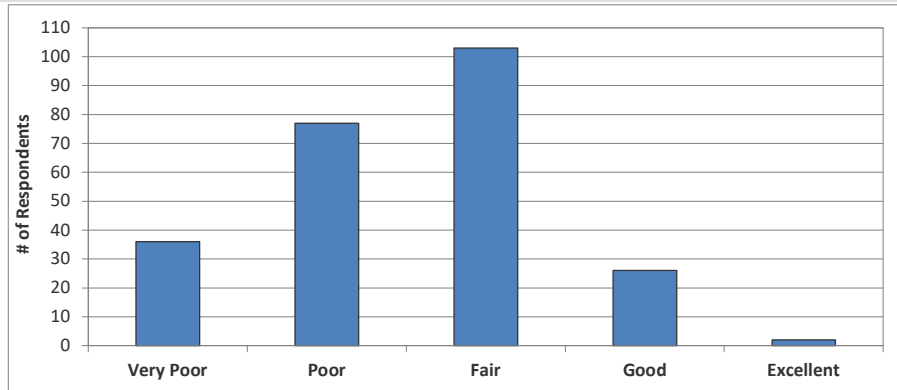
- 1 Poor fishing and carp
- 2 Farm Runoff
- 3 This is for the people on the pond
- 4 I don't have a preference
- 5 Pigeon Lake should be drained and allow the area to go back to its natural habitat before the dam was installed.
- 6 I don't care we live 5 miles away from the Lake
- 7 polution
- 8 can not catch anything but small carp
- 9 Stop cutting the weeds, every time you cut you get a bigger crop.
- 10 Carp
- 11 I don't care about it at all.
- 12 Having to pay taxes on my hunting property for a lake I never use
- 13 Leave alone plant with fish
- 14 Farm nutrient run off and decomposing weeds filling bottom of lake with very deep layer of muck, no quality bottom composition to support natural fish reproduction.
- 15 I live a mile from the water none are really a concern to me.
- 16 to much fertilizer from lawns and golf course
- 17 Too much silt, it's getting shallower every year!
- 18 do not want increased taxes, not worth it.
- 19 Boat landing size. The ramps are a huge concern with tight quarters from brush and the only other one I've seen does not seem to be a good fit for a 21 ft
- 20 Fishing has been terrible since draining of pond!!!
- 21 hunting
- 22 There was a previous plan to dredge the lake to make it deeper again however this plan was discarded by uneducated people and people who have no recognition of how important the pond is too our community and how poorly the dam was fixed and lake drained in way to fast
- 23 leave it alone
- 24 never use
- 25 Muskrat problems
- 26 Dam not in use, lake should be drained
- 27 Blasto
- 28 residential landscape chemicals
- 29 None
- 30 I don't know where this lake is
- 31 TOO MUCH MUCK, DO SOMETHING ALREADY!
- 32 Agricultural run off



- 33 Excessive amount of Geese
- 34 it is a mill pond and not a natural lake. stop trying to make it into a natural lake
- 35 Don't care.

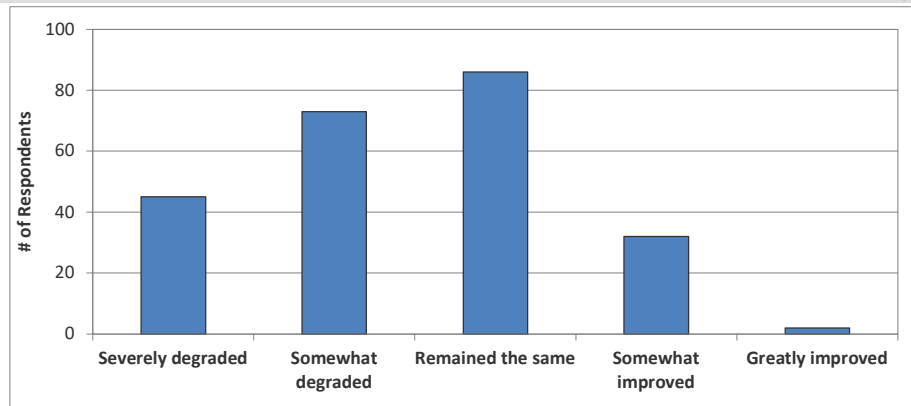
18. How would you describe the overall current water quality of Pigeon Lake?

Answer Options	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Response Count
	36	77	103	26	2	244
	<i>answered question</i>					244
	<i>skipped question</i>					16



19. How has the overall water quality changed in Pigeon Lake since you first visited the lake?

Answer Options	Severely degraded	Somewhat degraded	Remained the same	Somewhat improved	Greatly improved	Response Count
	45	73	86	32	2	238
	<i>answered question</i>					238
	<i>skipped question</i>					22



20. Which of the following would you say is the single most important aspect when considering water quality?

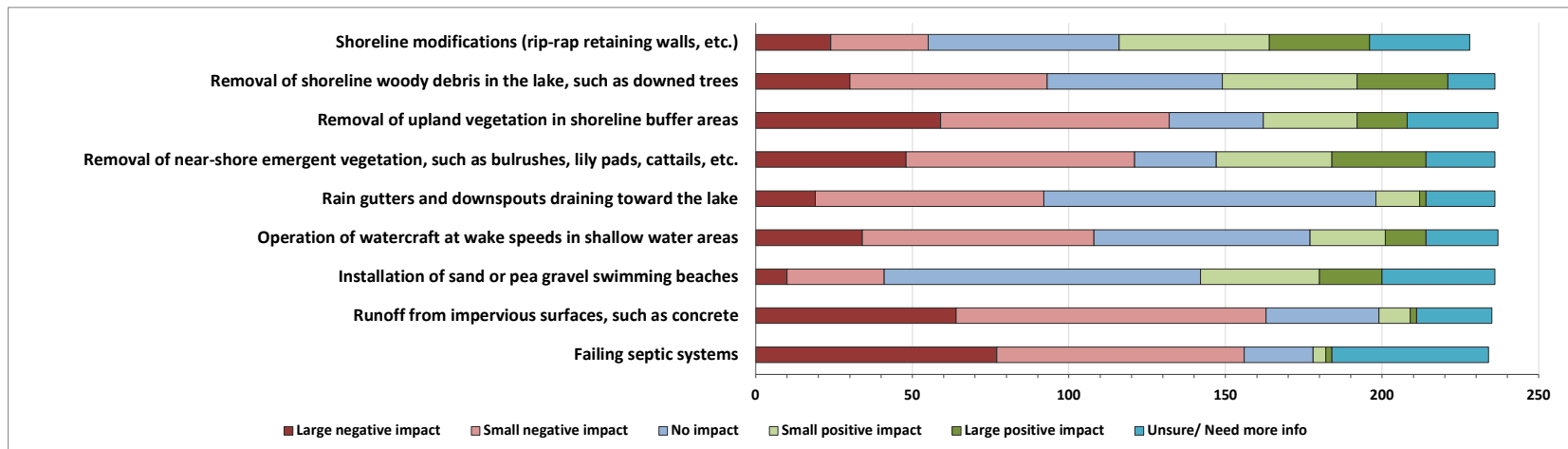
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Water clarity (clearness of water)	31.2%	76
Water color	3.3%	8
Aquatic plant growth	25.4%	62
Algae blooms	10.7%	26
Smell/odors	12.3%	30
Water level	2.1%	5
Fish kills	6.2%	15
Other	9.0%	22
answered question		244
skipped question		16

20 "Other" responses

- 1 We've only owned for 1 year but I'd say fish kills and algal blooms may be the most harmful related to dissolved oxygen.
- 2 Neither is all that more important than the other, all are an important part of water quality
- 3 can you drink it?
- 4 Chemical compost of the lake
- 5 smell and clarity
- 6 Build up of sludge/muck on Lake bottom
- 7 Water quality, what are you going to do about it
- 8 Number of fish
 Water clarity, color, plant growth, smells/odors are all inter-related over 50 years ago there was in excess of 5' of muck and is most certainly much worse today its my
- 9 opinion the muck would need to be excavated to have any meaningful effect to restore the pond but that would most likely entail a great expense which most who do not have shoreline properties will not want to pay more taxes to fund.
- 10 Oxygen level
- 11 macro invertebrate levels
- 12 aquatic macro-invertebrate species and population size
- 13 water level in pond is to low, letting to much out of dam.
- 14 What is best for the wildlife that is in and around the lake
- 15 chemical content
- 16 carp population growth
- 17 Water Safety for personal use
- 18 its a mill pond it is what it is
- 19 Would you drink from or swim in, not my family. It's just a mosquito breeding ground!
- 20 they all work hand in hand, so all important
- 21 Don't care
- 22 Water quality needs to be tested

21. Using the following scale, what impact, if any, do you believe each of the following practices have on the water quality of Pigeon Lake?

Answer Options	Large negative impact	Small negative impact	No impact	Small positive impact	Large positive impact	Unsure/ Need more info	Response Count
Failing septic systems	77	79	22	4	2	50	234
Runoff from impervious surfaces, such as concrete	64	99	36	10	2	24	235
Installation of sand or pea gravel swimming beaches	10	31	101	38	20	36	236
Operation of watercraft at wake speeds in shallow water areas	34	74	69	24	13	23	237
Rain gutters and downspouts draining toward the lake	19	73	106	14	2	22	236
Removal of near-shore emergent vegetation, such as bulrushes, lily pads, cattails, etc.	48	73	26	37	30	22	236
Removal of upland vegetation in shoreline buffer areas	59	73	30	30	16	29	237
Removal of shoreline woody debris in the lake, such as downed trees	30	63	56	43	29	15	236
Shoreline modifications (rip-rap retaining walls, etc.)	24	31	61	48	32	32	228
<i>answered question</i>							238
<i>skipped question</i>							22



22. Before reading the statement above, had you ever heard of aquatic invasive species?

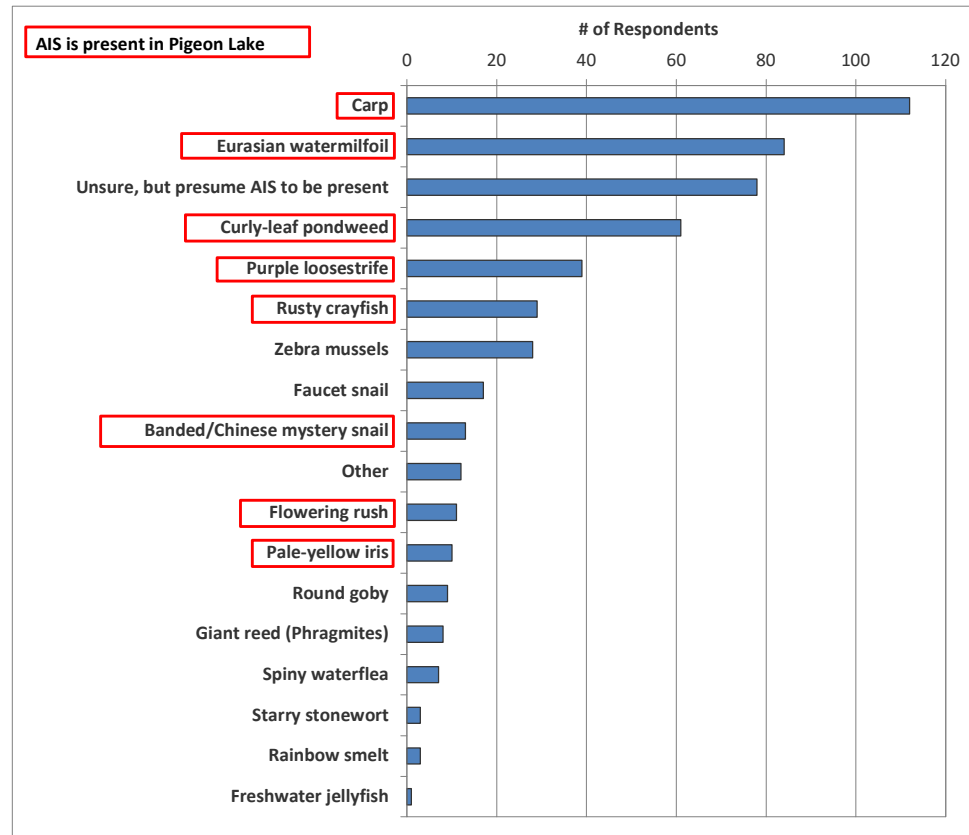
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	98.0%	241
No	2.0%	5
<i>answered question</i>		246
<i>skipped question</i>		14

23. Do you believe aquatic invasive species are present within Pigeon Lake?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	88.5%	207
No	11.5%	27
<i>answered question</i>		234
<i>skipped question</i>		26

24. Which aquatic invasive species do you believe are present in or immediately around Pigeon Lake?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Carp	53.9%	112
Eurasian watermilfoil	40.4%	84
Unsure, but presume AIS to be present	37.5%	78
Curly-leaf pondweed	29.3%	61
Purple loosestrife	18.8%	39
Rusty crayfish	13.9%	29
Zebra mussels	13.5%	28
Faucet snail	8.2%	17
Banded/Chinese mystery snail	6.3%	13
Other	5.8%	12
Flowering rush	5.3%	11
Pale-yellow iris	4.8%	10
Round goby	4.3%	9
Giant reed (Phragmites)	3.9%	8
Spiny waterflea	3.4%	7
Starry stonewort	1.4%	3
Rainbow smelt	1.4%	3
Freshwater jellyfish	0.5%	1
answered question		208
skipped question		52

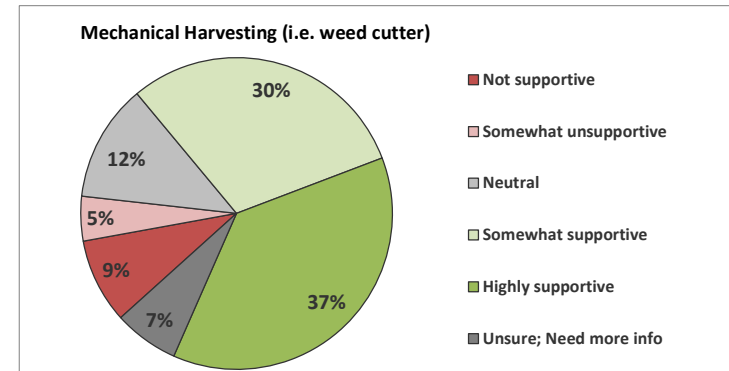
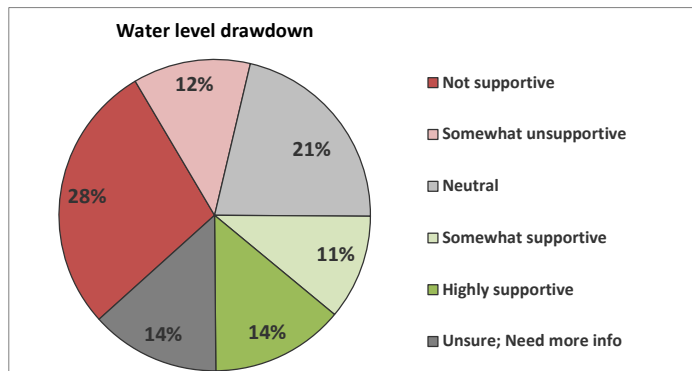
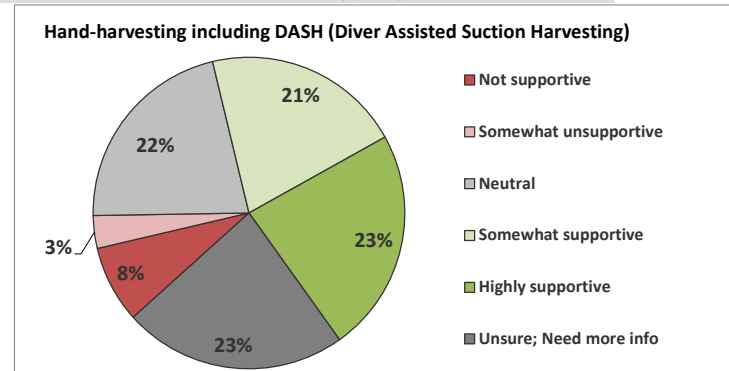
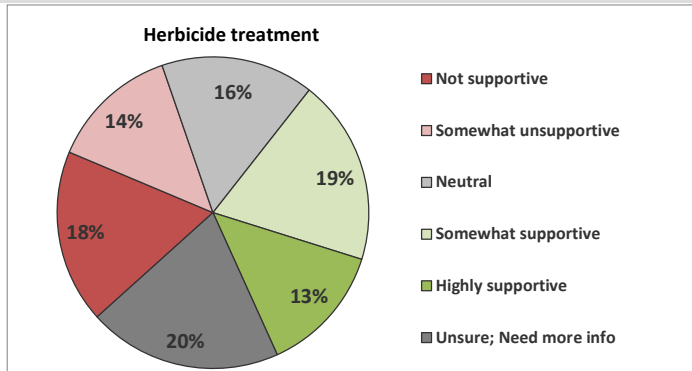


24 "Other" responses

- 1 Not sure
- 2 some kind of plant life unsure of kind
- 3 Biologist's know what is present in and around the lake. Why is this questioned asked
- 4 Not sure
- 5 Don't know
- 6 many of these questions are opinions based on lack of information
- 7 Bladder warts
- 8 don't use it so no ideas
- 9 Unsure
- 10 The carp are a huge problem
- 11 Way to much Goose feces containing the parasites cryptosporidium, giardia, coliform, and campylobacter! This also makes the water smell bad.
- 12 Snake heads

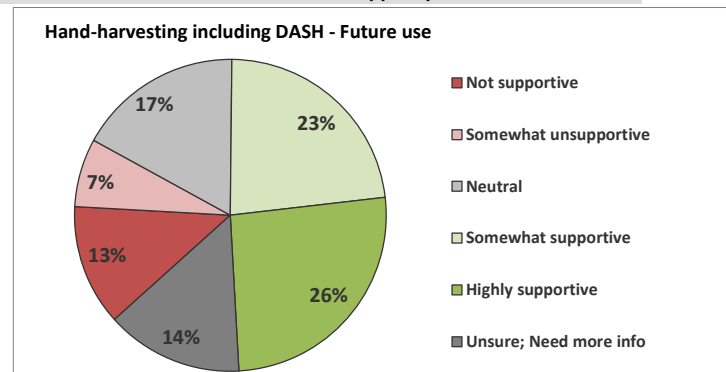
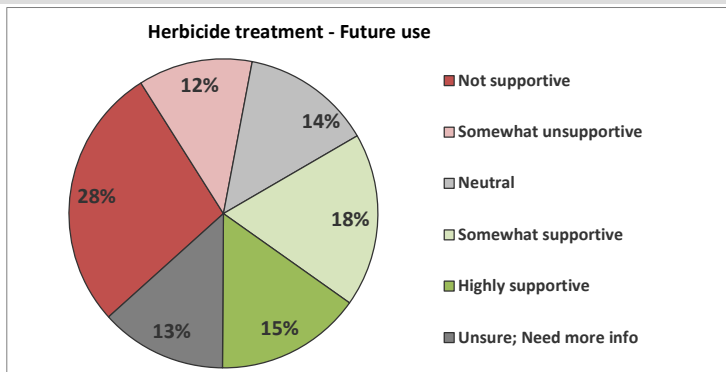
25. Before the present year, many techniques have been used to manage Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) and curly-leaf pondweed (CLP) on Pigeon Lake. What is your level of support for the past use of previous management activities to manage AIS in previous years?

Answer Options	Not supportive	Somewhat unsupportive	Neutral	Somewhat supportive	Highly supportive	Unsure; Need more info	Rating Average	Response Count
Herbicide Treatment	43	32	38	46	32	48	2.96	239
Hand-harvesting including DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting)	19	8	51	49	55	55	3.62	237
Water level drawdown	67	29	51	26	33	32	2.66	238
Mechanical Harvesting (i.e. weed cutter)	21	11	29	72	89	16	3.89	238
answered question								241
skipped question								19

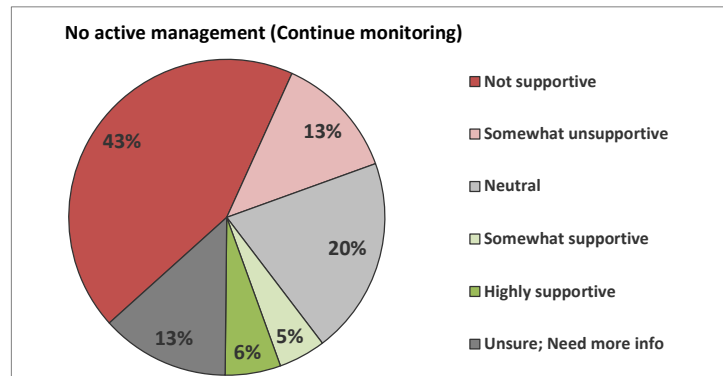
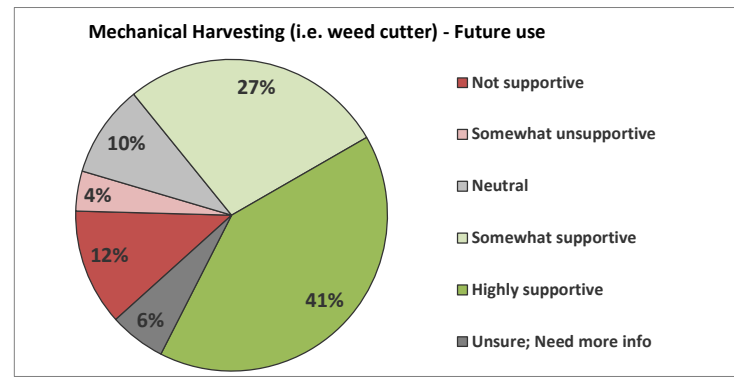
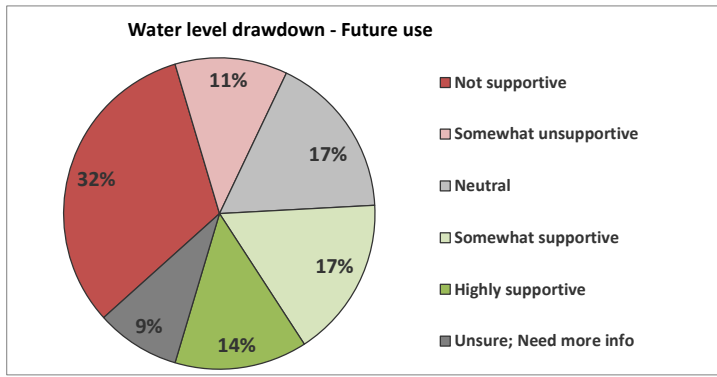


26. The Pigeon Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District will begin assessing future techniques for managing the EWM and CLP population. What is your level of support for the future use of the following EWM/CLP management techniques in Pigeon Lake?

Answer Options	Not supportive	Somewhat unsupportive	Neutral	Somewhat supportive	Highly supportive	Unsure; Need more info	Rating Average	Response Count
Herbicide Treatment	67	29	33	44	37	32	3.21	242
Hand-harvesting including DASH (Driver Assisted Suction Harvesting)	30	17	41	55	62	34	3.85	239
Water level drawdown	77	28	41	40	33	21	2.95	240
Mechanical Harvesting (i.e. weed cutter)	29	10	23	66	98	14	3.98	240
No active management (Continue monitoring)	99	29	46	11	13	30	2.56	228
<i>answered question</i>								244
<i>skipped question</i>								16



26. continued...



27. If you answered “Not supportive” or “Somewhat unsupportive” for Question #26, what is the reason or reasons you oppose the future use of the management techniques to target EWM/CLP in Pigeon Lake?

Answer Options	Herbicide treatment	Hand-harvesting including DASH	Water level drawdown	Mechanical harvesting	Response Count
Potential cost of treatment is too high	49	60	21	28	97
Potential impacts to native aquatic plant species	93	13	46	22	114
Potential impacts to native (non-plant) species (fish, insects, etc.)	91	12	67	24	132
Potential impacts to human health	105	9	9	8	114
Future impacts are unknown	81	14	29	11	99
Ineffectiveness of herbicide strategy	45	43	46	39	103
Another reason	8	7	3	5	17
No concerns	19	28	23	39	54
<i>answered question</i>					166
<i>skipped question</i>					94

27 "Other" responses

- 1 The pond is man-made and so are the issues. Humans have not been good stewards of the pond or lake and the surrounding land. Time to rethink WHAT the goals are and WHY. Need to consider the WHO's as well including all of the wildlife with whom we co-exist.
- 2 All that has been done has had NO POSITIVE effect.
- 3 Leave lake alone
- 4 I do not live on the lake/river none of this directly affects me
- 5 We don't use the lake we agree with using measures but not with financially supporting it
- 6 not worth the cost to tax payers
- 7 Unsupportive of nothing being done.
- 8 Treatment won't hurt fish or people
- 9 Water level monitoring to prevent flooding
- 10 Simply don't want to pay for what we don't use, select smaller population that have advantage of benefits and tax them.
- 11 don't use
- 12 not having the lake for use while drained
- 13 The way the carp are stirring the water is this an issue?
- 14 When does education and awareness become a management technique?
- 15 THE LAKE IS FILING UP WITH MUCK EVERY YEAR, WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT THAT?
- 16 Will it be done up in the shallow end (were all the weeds are bad & NEVER get Mechanical harvested) or like now only down in the deeper end?
- 17 This lake would never exist in nature. Remove the dam.
- 18 Simply monitoring the condition is not acceptable - action has to be taken
- 19 Agian trying to make a mill pond into a natural lake
- 20 Drain it and remove the dam
- 21 we lived on the Eagle River chain for 40 some years and they treated the chain with herbicides for years, it took care of milfoil after years of treatment but it also effected the fishing, and other plants . They now control with hand picking and vac machines

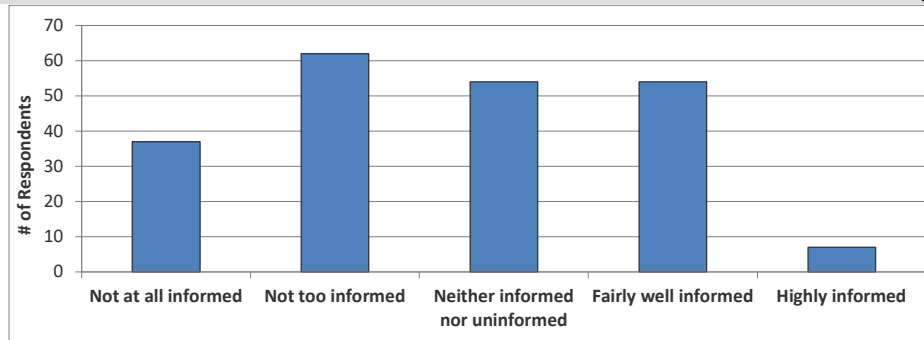
Pigeon Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

28. Before receiving this mailing, have you ever heard of the Pigeon Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	88.8%	213
No	11.2%	27
<i>answered question</i>		240
<i>skipped question</i>		20

29. How informed has (or had) the Pigeon Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District kept you regarding issues with Pigeon Lake and its management?

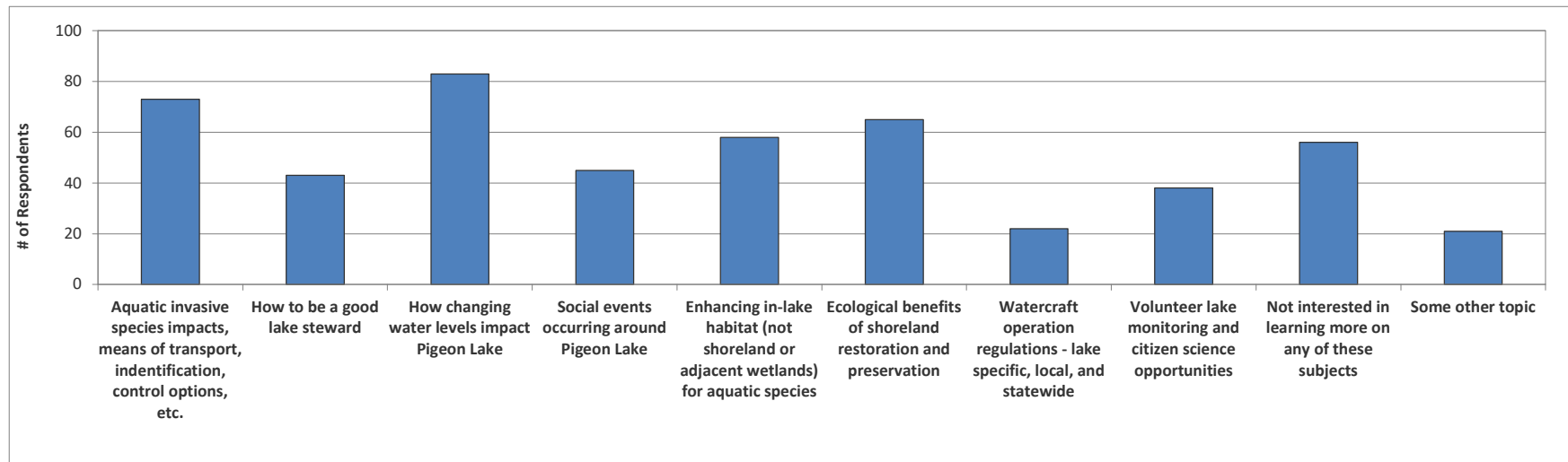
Answer Options	Not at all informed	Not too informed	Neither informed nor uninformed	Fairly well informed	Highly informed	Response Count
	37	62	54	54	7	214
<i>answered question</i>						214
<i>skipped question</i>						46



30. Stakeholder education is an important component of every lake management planning effort. Which of these subjects would you like to learn more about?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Aquatic invasive species impacts, means of transport, identification, control options, etc.	32.7%	73
How to be a good lake steward	19.3%	43
How changing water levels impact Pigeon Lake	37.2%	83
Social events occurring around Pigeon Lake	20.2%	45
Enhancing in-lake habitat (not shoreland or adjacent wetlands) for aquatic species	26.0%	58
Ecological benefits of shoreland restoration and preservation	29.2%	65
Watercraft operation regulations - lake specific, local, and statewide	9.9%	22
Volunteer lake monitoring and citizen science opportunities	17.0%	38
Not interested in learning more on any of these subjects	25.1%	56
Some other topic	9.4%	21
	answered question	223
	skipped question	37

30 "Some other topic" responses

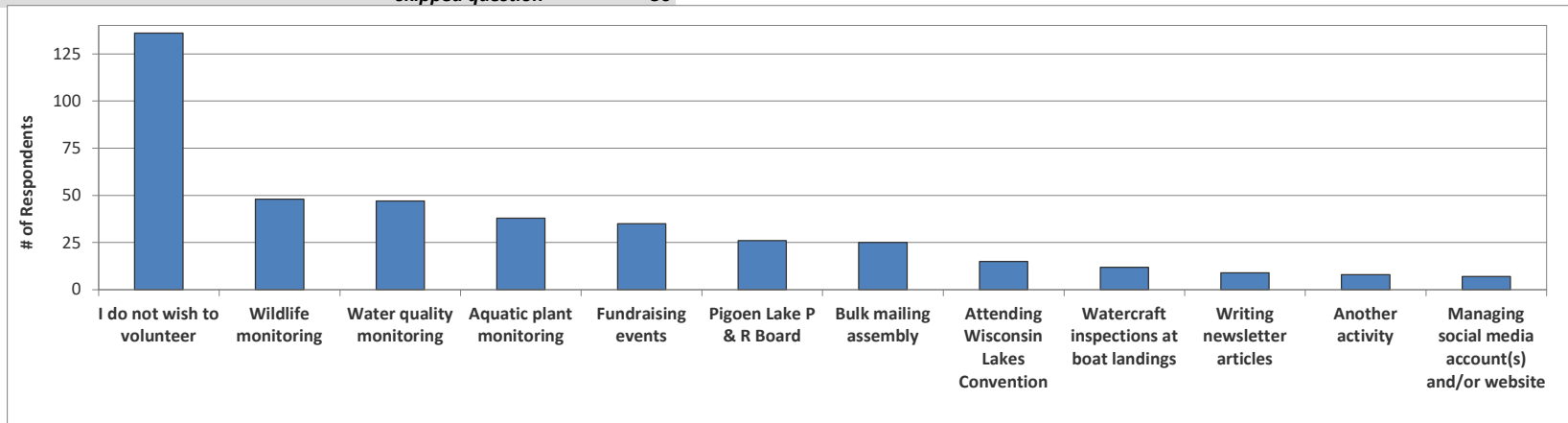
- 1 Types of shoreline restoration-vegetative
- 2 None
- 3 None of these land owners on pond is fixing my back yard. Maybe they should fix there own backyard.
- 4 How can we get our money to fix the problem and not just waste it on cutting weeds
- 5 Please contact me to get involved I will make the time
- 6 Leave lake alone
- 7 muck removal and clean up
- 8 I enjoy fishing but I do not use the pond for it as it does not support good levels of fish, clean water, or reproductive habitat, enhancing in-lake habitat the above topics sound good but again is a wast of money until the major sedimentation weed muck issue is corrected.
- 9 It shouldn't apply to us
- 10 how to get rid of the silt
- 11 against any and all tax increase or assessments for this pond
- 12 N/A
- 13 Blastomycosis, Health Hazards to you and your pets.
- 14 What needs to be done to deepen the lake
- 15 Cost and tax consequences opting out
- 16 What is being done to address Carp infestation
- 17 Hunting rules and potential areas open to hunting
- 18 How to get rid of large amounts of Geese.
- 19 Removal of the dam.
- 20 Get rid of the official's to save taxpayers and quit trying to fix something that can't be fixed.
- 21 we believe you've waited to long to fix the problem and will cost way to much



31. The effective management of Pigeon Lake will require the cooperative efforts of numerous volunteers. Please select the activities you would be willing to participate in if the Pigeon Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District requires additional assistance.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
I do not wish to volunteer	60.7%	136
Wildlife monitoring	21.4%	48
Water quality monitoring	21.0%	47
Aquatic plant monitoring	17.0%	38
Fundraising events	15.6%	35
Pigoen Lake P & R Board	11.6%	26
Bulk mailing assembly	11.2%	25
Attending Wisconsin Lakes Convention	6.7%	15
Watercraft inspections at boat landings	5.4%	12
Writing newsletter articles	4.0%	9
Another activity	3.6%	8
Managing social media account(s) and/or website	3.1%	7
answered question		224
skipped question		36

- Number** **"Another activity" responses**
- 1** I am interested in eliminating Pigeon Lake and the watershed area. it uses too many of my resources.
 - 2** You need someone to educate the public about the importance of taking care of the waterways. Education is key.
 - 3** Fighting against this
 - 4** monitoring aquatic macro-invertebrates
 - 5** lobby against the district increasing any taxes
 - 6** Mechanical harvest of weeds
 - 7** The Pond is not a lake, It is a farm runoff pond. Take out the dam.
 - 8** draw it down



32. Please feel free to provide written comments concerning Pigeon Lake, its current and/or historic condition and its management.

Answer Options	Response Count
	88
<i>answered question</i>	88
<i>skipped question</i>	172

Number	Response Text
1	I have an interest in identifying nearshore and aquatic vegetative species on our property to improve fish and wildlife habitat along our shoreline.
2	I think the biggest problems with ponds is fertilizer on lawns along ponds getting into the water, and geese and ducks bringing in invasive weeds. Thank you
3	The unusual thing that happened with the draw down is the enormous hatch of carp. Then the die off of carp (coy & common carp herpes virus). Then there were so many carp left they are stirring up the bottom , clouded the water so the weeds didn't grow. I am sure this affected how the other fish fair.
4	My property is located 6 miles from Pigeon Lake - I have absolutely NO INTREST in this Pigeon Lake- even though I am assessed a yearly tax amount for the association. I have disputed this since its inception. NO ONE paid me to keep my land/property maintained . I was responsible completely for all maintenance and upkeep. I do not care to support lakeshore property for others to enjoy and build on- its their responsibility. Thank you
5	Pigeon Pond is controlled by the D.N.R. The people that want to spend the money on this pond is the land and or home owners on the pond. This is their backyard not my backyard. I have never heard of anyone living away from or off the pond receiving any tax dollars to fix or repair their backyard. You can call the Pigeon Pond anything you want the fact is , it is a mill pond not a lake.. The Pigeon Pond does not have enough water flow to move the sediment and not enough water flow deter the weeds and now there are carp in the pond, lots of them. More money and less results. This is a mill pond, the people that want something done are the people who live on the pond this belongs on their backs. By taking any tax dollars for this mill repair is the same as receiving welfare.
6	I live 4 miles from Clintonville with no water source near me. I am not happy being part of the pigeon lake district.
7	I'm interested in eliminating Pigeon Lake. The cost is too great for our area.
8	I don't understand why we are part of the Pigeon Lake District when we live 4 miles from Clintonville and don't have any water near us.
9	It was a river and I personally believe it should be returned to its original state. However, humans seem to have their wants and desires without thinking about how it all impacts wildlife (aquatic or land), insects, flora, etc. I think a major rethink needs to happen.
10	Has been very poor management! Drained pond several times in my lifetime and that of my parents. Fill the pond in or drain it and leave it to prevent the stink smell.
11	District lines need to be updated as to tax boundaries.
12	Should have dredged the lake when it was drained. Still should be dredged.
13	i have been fishing pigeon pond for over 50 yrs, always caught good fish, ever since they drained it the carp have taken over and you cannot hardly catch a bluegill, and the water is constantly brown. never have seen it this bad. most people don't even bother with the pond, including me. There was a time I never had to go anywhere else for perch, gills, crappies...sad!!!
14	Maybe if you would spend the money you force us to pay you could line the banks of the river with stone to stop the banks from washing into the lake. Stop all the bullshit, drain it, sell the land, its to expensive to keep.
15	Carp is the main invasive.

16	<p>The last time Pigeon Lake was drained it took my well water to the point of having no water. It messed up my pump, water heater & bathroom. No mailing to us that this could happen. Cost us \$150.00 for plumber to tell us it wasn't our water pump it was because they drained the lake. When I called about it was told to call Well Digger. Did that he said he couldn't promise he would hit water.</p> <p>So we made it with 4 people in the house with no water. Had to melt snow to flush the bathroom & do dishes. Then had to get water jugs from Walmart to drink.</p> <p>We were all disabled, I ended cracking 3 ribs trying to keep up with the water needed. I know not only us but other people on Lake Shore Rd were affected.</p> <p>If the lake is drained again our house will be sold. Can't go through that again. It almost killed me.</p> <p>Can say the lake looks better & the machine to clean it is doing a great job.</p>
17	<p>The people who live on the pond, should pay for the pond. Not the people who live miles from the pond. This is not fair to the people who don't live on the lake or use it. I would like to see it go back to a river not a pond. The shoreline is full of Blastomycosis, that has killed people around the pond and a lot of dogs.</p> <p>I do not want to be taxed on this swamp you call a pond.</p> <p>We are in a recession and don't need new taxes put on us. I will fight this pond thing as long as I live. Tax the people on the shoreline.</p>
18	<p>Not that many fish, yet, it's a big disappointment. Since the draining of the lake, there hasn't been that many fish.</p>
19	<p>There is no management. Let's not kid ourselves.</p>
20	<p>To many times I have seen the weed harvester in shallow water areas during spring spawning time.</p>
21	<p>5. Drained a few years ago, hope it gets better.</p> <p>6. Because of drain down.</p> <p>8. To old.</p> <p>11. Two lots</p> <p>20. Is clean really important to quality</p> <p>25. We must use all possible means to improve and correct problems whatever cost.</p> <p>26. Our lake is Clintonville's future. Whatever needs to be done I support.</p>
22	<p>We have lived on our property for 56 years & on the pigeon river. I used to hunt ducks on the pond for years. We go past the lake every day.</p> <p>My idea is, keep up mechanical harvesting, plant fish and leave alone.</p>
23	<p>Although the pond has looked much better since the draw-down, I believe the number one concern is the amount of muck that continues to be deposited in the slow moving water areas. Areas that forty years ago were nice bays and provided great fishing, are now full of sediment and muck, and there are no fish. I believe these areas need to be cleaned up and the depth of the pond increased to naturally control the weed problem.</p>
24	<p>Push law makers to adopt stringent laws that actually impact people and companies responsible for the damage to our waterways not just slap on the wrist fines that they shrug off, and have those funds collected set aside to clean up our lakes, the penalties need to be high enough to deter the damage from occurring in the first place.</p>

25	no comment
26	I think it's too expensive to manage sustainably in the long-term. It's a river fed flowage that will continue to fill with sediment overtime and invasive species are always a losing battle in my years of natural resource management experience.
27	when I said I haven't been informed, I probably have been, I just didn't pay attention.
28	Remove dam, return to river only.
29	We do not use the lake we do not live on the lake. We should not be involved with decisions involving the lake or paying for them.
30	if the silt is not dealt with our kids won't have a lake anymore, it will be a swamp... then watch housing values drop
31	Thanks to the board members for serving
32	clean abundance of debris in the river flowing to the pond, beaver dams, fallen trees etc. your letting way to much water out of the pond, causing upper river users low water conditions please stop ! the water needs to be way higher !!!! Tax payers will not support levies, tax increases or assesments for pond care. lowering the pond level regularey is recking the river usage between marion and clintonville the last 6 years, the district is wrecking the river, please stop.
33	N/A
34	They drained the lake twice and didn't do a damn thing-just cost money which was stupid. They did not talk to the DNR instead of sneeking around and got fined. Costing all that money is a joke. Should have talked to the DNR instead of hauling that dirt out to airport. They could only go down about 20 inches. Should found out from DNR and got bull dozer in and shoved dirt back to built up property owners and made an island in the middle of lake and seeded. Any metal that popped up could be hauled over to airport that moving dirt back to land owners would build the banks back up and seed down. It wouldn't cost that much just so many bull dozers. It been cheap going about it the right way. By cutting these weeds and hauling them away there are lots of baby fish in these weeds. They need a cemital in water but not to hurt fish. If they would of bull dozer those weeds back to the banks they would of had kill a lot of them an made lake a little deeper. Reshaped lake an put island in middle pack down on seeded and then plant lake with nice fish. Restocked walleye's, perch, crappie' bluegill, pike and bass
35	JW19
36	Not owning land on the pond I don't feel I should pay for the upkeep of the pond, I would vote against it.
37	Unfortunately not in the area that much. PLPRD is real step in the right direction.
38	All the harvesting done over the years hasn't helped we don't fish there anymore. So sad its so close. Drain it and shove all the bottom into islands to create a better poind.

	<p>I'm 84 years old. I've finished the pond from the dam half way up to marion. They were still sawing logs at the sawmill in town. I never thought I would see the day when fishing was so poor on the pond. Weeds have always been a growing problem like any mill pond but the wood cutter can manage that problem. We need some weeds to provide cover for the panfish and a food supply with water insects.</p> <p>39 Through the years, as houses are starting to build up along the pond and shoreline, brush & cover being removed the spawning area's getting less and less. I retired 23 years ago. I've spent a lot of hours of fishing the pond for gills and perch with great success. Since the dam down of the pond the fishing has been very poor. I have not caught a perch or heard of perch being caught on the pond. Gills fishing isn't much better. The carp have taken over the pond. The water clarity is terrible. Getting rid of the carp is the first thing to do to improve water clarity and fishing.</p>
40	<p>Pigeon Lake is a focal point of the community. It's improvement is important to the people living around and near the lake. Boating, fishing, waterfowl hunting, and birdwatching are just a few activities I can think of. A higher quality lake will attract added economic opportunities to the community. It may improve the desire of the people of Clintonville to make use of the lake for enjoyment.</p> <p>I would like to see open forums four times a year to discuss the current state of the lake and future plans for improvement and funding of those improvements.</p> <p>Question: Does the science department at the Highschool make use of the many educational opportunities the lake has to offer? (i.e. water sample testing, aquatic plant and animal identification, etc.?)</p>
41	<p>Looking at the water quality and algae blooms for the last 20 years, we have done enough "monitoring" and the actions taken have not been effective</p>
42	<p>I feel it will not get any better. Do to everybody of water that runs into the ponds have the same problems. It just passes on down.</p>
43	<p>Prior to the draw down one could catch a meal of fish regularly. Since draw down you can't even catch one meal of fish!!!! We have beautiful docks to fish from but no fish to catch!!!!</p>
44	<p>nice body of water and should be taken care of</p>
45	<p>Stop ALL hunting on the lake, to close to occupied homes danger of being shot by a hunter</p>
46	<p>Flood monitoring Winter wildlife sustaining People falling through ice</p>
47	<p>The pigeon pond is nothing more than a farm pond. Remove the dam and make it what it is supposed to be. A creek.</p>
48	<p>Moved to Clintonville 2 years ago. We were aware at that time we would have to pay extra on our property taxes, as our address is considered "Pigeon Lake District". We had no idea exactly where Pigeon Lake was nor what it looked like. We do not live on Pigeon Lake. We do not even live near Pigeon Lake as far as we are concerned. We live at least 1 mile away. Truthfully there is no where to access Pigeon Lake unless you live on Pigeon Lake or I guess use one of the wonderful boat landings. I have walked from here to the Lake, if you want to call it that. I entered the Lake area near a Supper Club off the road across street. I was walking towards Lake and immediately smelled dead fish horribly. Dead fish were floating on the shore and the 2 docks that were there should not have been. The docks were very dangerous as the side was sunk in water, no railings and very rocking. I walked in the woods down a path to another opening and the lake was the same. No where to access Lake at all. The lake has algae and water is certainly not clear. I would NEVER recommend any eat anything from it. The people whoms homes I could see a little of across Lake were very large with docks and boats etc. We even drove all the way around or tried to, no access anywhere.</p> <p>Why should I have to pay extra taxes to the city of Clintonville for Pigeon Lake??? I don't live on it, I have no access and how did the area I live in became part of Pigeon Lake district??</p> <p>I am basically paying for some rich people to live on Pigeon Lake. I am paying their taxes. I find this a very big matter that needs to be addressed. Seems Pigeon Lake is to far gone to be a Lake that fish will ever thrive in again if they ever did. It's sad but sometimes people wreck lakes and streams by their own means. Perhaps you should be going directly to the people whom live on the lake. Are they putting chemicals unknowingly in the Lake? Are they throwing garbage in Lake? Seeing as how it is impossible for the normal people to access Pigeon Lake I would think that would be a great place to start.</p> <p>I am very serious about why am I paying extra taxes? It's not fair to me that's for sure. Those people living there look as though they can pay the taxes themselves for their \$400,000 homes.</p>

49	Its encouraging to hear of the movement forward to restore the lake to a more useful purpose even though it will take a lot of time and resources.
50	The lake itself has filled in from years of farming runoff as well as runoff from the golf course. The lake needs to be dredge to reestablish fishable areas and provide a quality fishing/ recreational area. If nothing is done in regards to this it will eventually all fill in and become nothing more than a swampy area that would provide nothing for our community. Its sad that it has been put in the position that it is in
51	I have nothing to do with Pigeon Lake. There is minimal access points. Only ones who really benefit are those with property right on the lake, Let them pay the increased taxes. Stop including those miles away that happen to have a small streams on their property off your tax planning.
52	Efforts should be made or continued to address both urban runoff and agricultural runoff upstream.
53	Too much focus on fixing what's broken and not on prevention. Buffer areas are needed and restrictions on lawn fertilizers and herbicides on lakeshore properties and non-source farm runoff.
54	None at this time.
55	We purchased our property after the drawdown, so we are not sure how bad the lake was previously. Our biggest concern is using the lake - is it safe to swim for ourselves and our dogs
56	The lake should be removed, it brings minimal tourism/local commerce. If money is spent on the lake, people who own property ON the lake should pay for it, as they are the only ones benefitting from it
57	Never seen so much silt, we remove our boat every few weeks to wash MUCK from sediment off. Our sprinkler is sucking in sediment destroying pump and parts. The silt is bad, and carp stirring it makes it worse
58	Do not raise my taxes.
59	About 10 years ago you were looking into dredging the lake. Is this still one of the options.
60	Unfair for landowners to pay tax for this who own land far upriver
61	I believe the dam should be removed and the stream should be allowed to meander naturally. There is no economic value to maintaining the dam. It appears the proposed management techniques are more reactive than proactive..
62	I do not have land on the lake and prefer to not have my proper taxes go any higher. The lake has been this was for 50 years - leave it
63	There was a year where the weed cutter went out on a regular basis. This seemed to help. Someone onced to us that the weed cutter could not go out before Memorial Day which seemed too late. Although the necessary drawn down due to repair to the dam was unsightly, it definitely improved the quality of the water after that. I know there is an organization in Shawano who is willing to share their expertise as they take care of Shawano Lake. Clintonville residents need to recognize the economic impact of the Pigeon River and not leave it to its own demise.
64	I own a rental house but I personally don't live in the area. I don't know anything about Pigeon Lake, but I am happy to hear somebody does care.
65	THE LAKE FILLING UP WITH MUCK IS NOT GOING AWAY BY ITSELF AND DRAWDOWN ONLY WRECKS THE LAKE AND THE MUCK IS STILL THERE BUT THE FISH ARE NOT. YOU SHOULD LOOK INTO HYDRAULIC DREDGING AND DO IT YOURSELF AS YOU CAN AFFORD IT, JUST LIKE WEED CUTTING.
66	The lake has been studied and studied since we moved here in 1967. I hope that this time we will see positive results and a more useable water area.
67	I feel the biggest problem with the lake is the over abundance of carp.
68	Something major should have been done when the water was drawn down. Nothing happened when the opportunity was present. The pond is a great asset to Clintonville and the surrounding areas. Steps need to be taken to allow all recreational opportunities.

69	I am new to area will help where I am able
70	Board doing a good job fundraising to plant native plants.
71	It is a mill pond. Why is it trying to be changed to something else?
72	Please update website more frequently.
73	fishing is terrible compared to 40 years ago. Silt needs to be removed.
74	The water never cleared up in the lake this year and a lot of weed growth
75	I,m ok with what they do so long as it wont impact my property taxes.
76	Like I said, the mechanical harvester ONLY goes on the City end were the water is deep & not really needed as much as on the shallow northern end were the weeds are a REAL problem!
77	I wish we could restore some of what we lost.
78	We know what the outcome of any measure will be. Pigeon Lake is nothing more than a large settling basin. How about we stop wasting money?
79	The body of water needs to be improved dramatically and used as a draw to the community. I believe the current PERCEPTION is that the water quality is very bad and certainly not used for personal recreation. Compare it to Cloverleaf Lakes - a destination. Pigeon is not a destination for anyone and is actually frowned upon as a body of water whether that's because of histoplasmosis history, junkyard remains at the bottom of the pond or the algae overgrowth. The potential is there - but it needs a ton of work both physically and from a "marketing" standpoint.
80	I do not beleive this lake can ever be a weed free lake. Water quality should be a priority. I use to fish it but in recent years i have not. Its been drained too often. The lake is what it is you cant change it without destroying it.
81	Quit throwing money at something that cannot be repaired! The management is just a waste of taxpayers money and with that lower my taxes on something I don't use anyway.
82	This lake is so shallow it's disheartening to see how little it's used by the community. It should have been dredged years ago. My family and friends drive to Marion to fish now. Marion's Ice Fisheree draws hundreds into the community, get the Pigeon River fixed and it would be possible to have a community ice fisheree right here in Clintonville
83	My family would love to see the quality of the lake improve because it's a waste not to be able to go swimming or allow pets near the water. Iproving the fish quality would be great as well.
84	this should be a state, county problem not Clintonville problem. Taxes are high enough in town and those who live on lake and enjoy it should help.
85	It's time to take this off my taxes.
86	Help fix my eroding shoreline.
87	I think we need to figure out what needs to be done to get the fishing back to where it needs to be, I went out on the pigeon twice this year and could'nt catch anything not even a carp, it seemed as though every spot we went and dropped a worm there was simply nothing there. last year you could catch all sorts of carp at all hours of the day and this year it's hard to even catch them. I believe that if you want to get more people using the pond you first must figure out why all the fish and dieing and once that is figured out you need to figure out how to keep them alive. But anyways maybe have the DNR plant some fish in the pond or something, you know anyone would come back to fish a spot if they knew they'll catch nice fish there. As far as swimming goes nobody wants to touch the water of pigeon pond it smells terrible and everyone thinks it's full of blastomycosis I don't know if it is or not but I can tell you that is the word around town.