

## Big Blake Lake Resident Survey

The following survey is a component of a grant which was received to study Big Blake Lake. The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. Responses will remain confidential. Final results will be compiled and used to guide management decisions for Big Blake Lake. Feel free to contact the Polk County Land and Water Resources Department with any questions at 715-485-8699. Surveys should be returned by June 1<sup>st</sup> to:

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100 Polk County Plaza- Suite 120  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Thank you again for your participation!

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1. How many years have you owned property on Big Blake Lake? Note: If you own more than one property, please answer all questions for the property you have owned the longest.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ years
  2. Which of the following best describes how you use your property?  
 Year-round residence  
 Seasonal residence (continued occupancy for months at a time)  
 Weekend, vacation, and/or holiday residence  
 Rental property/resort  
 Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_
  3. How many days in a typical year is your property used by you or others? Just provide your best estimate.  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ days per year
  4. On the average day that your property is occupied, how many people occupy the property?  
  
\_\_\_\_\_ people
  5. Do you own shoreline property (including shared access points) on Big Blake Lake?  
 No, please skip to question 7                       Yes
  6. Beginning at the water's edge, how would you describe the area measuring 35 feet inland (shoreline towards the road)? If you don't own shoreline property, please skip this question. Please check all that apply.  

<input type="checkbox"/> Mowed lawn	<input type="checkbox"/> Stabilizing rock/rip rap
<input type="checkbox"/> Un-mowed vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/> Pier/dock
<input type="checkbox"/> Shrubs/trees	<input type="checkbox"/> Buffer zone/shoreline restoration
<input type="checkbox"/> Undisturbed woods	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain garden

7. What activities do you enjoy on Big Blake Lake? Please check all that apply.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting/trapping                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Peace and tranquility               | <input type="checkbox"/> Observing birds/wildlife         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic view                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Open water fishing               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jet skiing/wakeboarding/waterskiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice fishing                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-motorized boating (canoe/kayak) | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorized boating                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Cross country skiing/snowshoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing or wind surfing             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please list _____         |

8. Which of the following watercraft are kept on your property for use on Big Blake Lake? Please check all that apply.
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jet skis                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Paddleboats/rowboats  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorboats/pontoons (1-20 HP)         | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailboat  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorboats/pontoons (21-50 HP)        | <input type="checkbox"/> Seaplane  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motorboats/pontoons (more than 50 HP) | <input type="checkbox"/> No watercrafts are kept at my property, skip to question 10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoes/kayaks                         |  |

9. Are the watercrafts that you use on Big Blake Lake used on other waterbodies?  
 Yes                       No

10. What is your degree of concern with each issue listed below? If you believe the issue doesn't exist check the first column; if you believe the issue exists but is not a concern check the second column; and if the issue concerns you please rank your concern as low, medium, or high.

	Issue doesn't exist	Exists, but not a concern	Low concern	Medium concern	High concern
New invasive species entering the lake					
Expansion of current invasive species (curly leaf pondweed)					
Excessive aquatic plant growth					
Excessive algae blooms					
Lack of water clarity or quality					
Loss of natural scenery/beauty					
Excessive noise level on the lake					
Decreased wildlife populations					
Decreased fisheries					
Unsafe use of motorized water craft					
Disregard for slow-no-wake zones					
Decreased property values					
Increased development					
Increased nutrient pollution					
Decrease in overall lake health					







28. How would you prefer to receive information from the Big Blake Lake District? Please check all that apply.

Newsletter

Email

Website

Facebook

Annual Meeting

Prefer not to receive information

Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

29. How often do you visit the Big Blake Lake District Facebook page?

I wasn't aware of the Facebook page

Never

Rarely

Sometimes

Often

30. From the list below, which activities are you interested in participating in to improve Big Blake Lake? Responses will be considered as a measure of interest rather than a commitment.

Learning to identify aquatic invasive species

Learning how to monitor for aquatic invasive species

Learning how to monitor water quality

Serving on a committee to develop an action plan for improving Big Blake Lake

Installing a shoreline buffer on your property

Installing a rain garden on your property

None of the above

If you're interested in participating in any of the above activities and would like more information, please list your contact information below. This information will be kept separate from your responses to ensure confidentiality.

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If you have any comments you would like to make, please use the space below.

Thank you for your time and your answers!