

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

A Summary of Responses from Watershed District Residents



The Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District's actions are guided by a management plan that is currently being updated. As part of the update process, the watershed district asked watershed residents what they valued about their local lakes, creeks, wetlands and groundwater, and what concerns they had for these resources. This document summarizes the answers from the respondents.

418 RESPONDENTS

YOU ♥ PURGATORY CREEK AND WETLANDS!

Purgatory Creek was identified as the most highly valued resource. It was identified by about 60% of the survey respondents. Over 40% of respondents identified wetlands as valuable.



GROUNDWATER CONCERNS

Over 80% of survey respondents were very or somewhat concerned about groundwater resources. 10% were not concerned.

WATERBODIES DEEMED IMPORTANT

Nearly 90% of all respondents identified each waterbody type* as somewhat or very important.

*lakes, creeks, ponds & wetlands

80% ENJOY WILDLIFE WATCHING AND ADJACENT RECREATION

Wildlife watching and recreation adjacent to waterbodies were the most popular uses, as selected by about 80% of respondents.



COMMON CONCERNS

The three most common concerns that survey respondents had about water resources were:

81%

of respondents chose:

Pollution entering waterbodies

75%

of respondents chose:

Aquatic invasive species

75%

of respondents chose:

Clarity of water



ACTIONS FOR IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF WATER RESOURCES

Respondents selected actions for improving the health of water resources. Here are the top two:

42%

of respondents chose:

Reduce pollutants from stormwater

41%

of respondents chose:

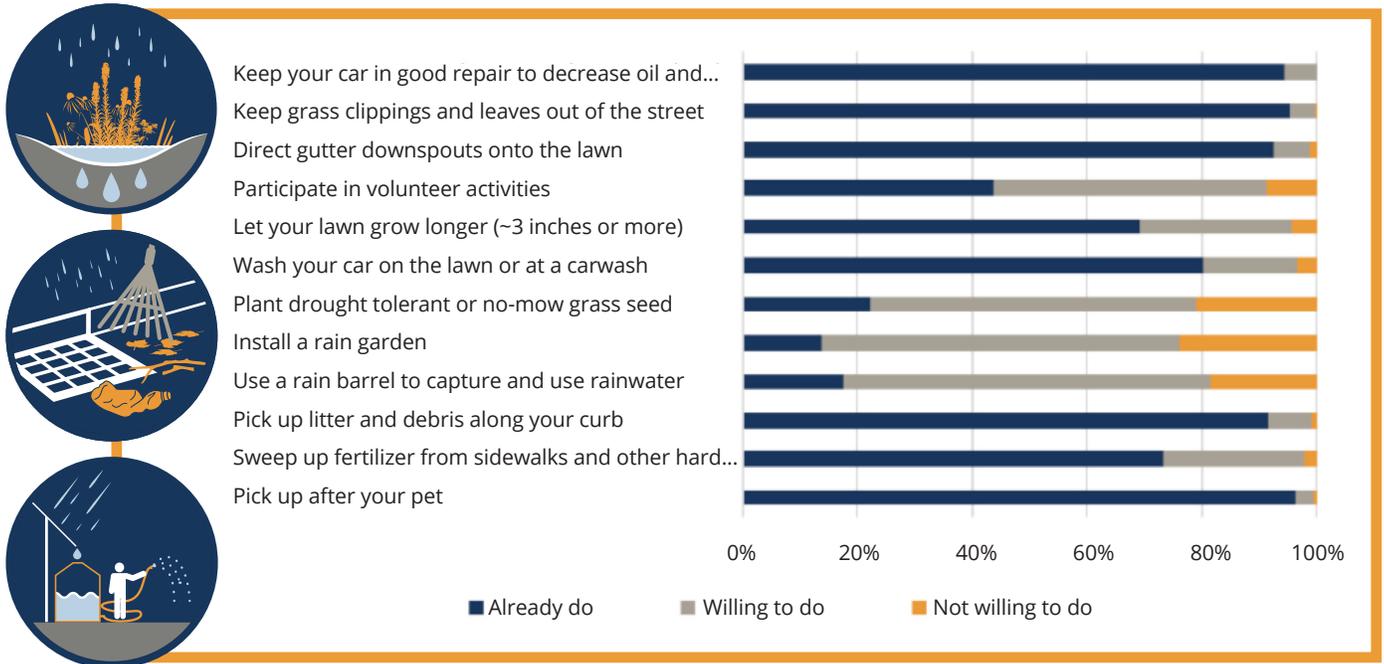
Reduce the amount of aquatic invasive species

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WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ACTION TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY



Responses to the survey showed that many respondents already exercise stormwater best management practices, and most were willing to participate in additional actions not already performed.



MORE ACTIONS FOR IMPROVING WATER QUALITY

In open-ended questions, 169 survey respondents identified actions that could be taken to address their concerns about water quality. Four commonly recommended actions were:

- **Continued and increased education for residents and businesses**
- **Continued or expanded enforcement of existing policy/regulation**
- **Monitoring of water quality**
- **District and/or city projects**

THANK YOU to all Survey Respondents!

The Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District would like to thank everyone who participated in the community survey. Information gathered through the survey process is helping to shape the direction of the District's updated water management plan, a document that guides District actions over 10 years.

The Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District is a local government organization with a mission of protecting, managing, and restoring the waters in our community.

