

Lake Butte des Morts Property Owner Survey

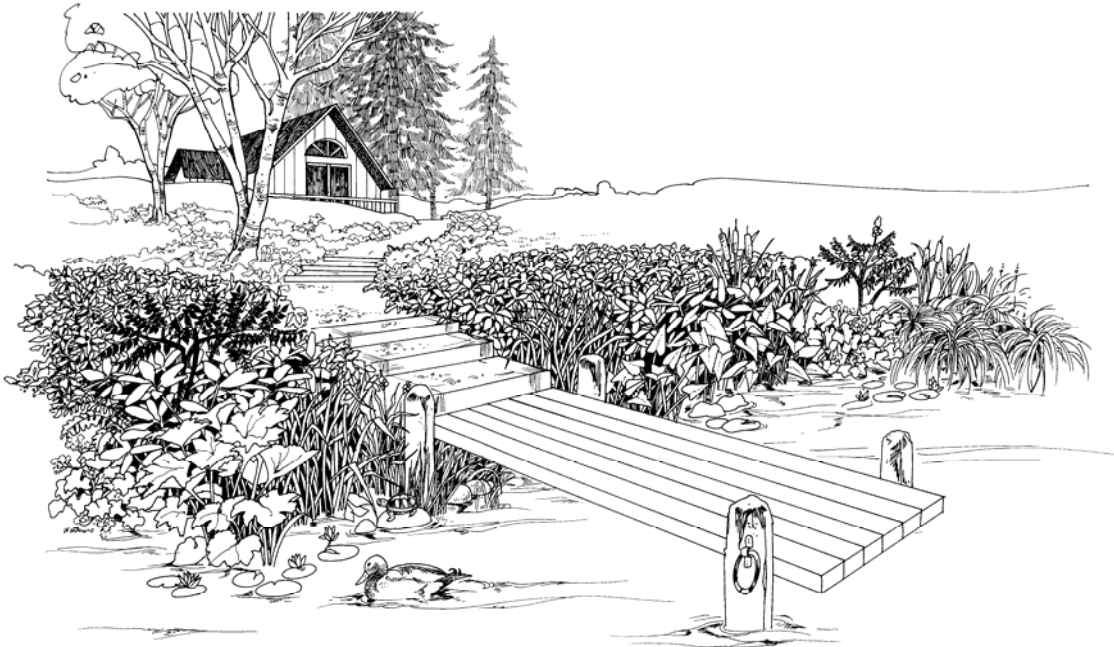


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Thank you for completing this survey. Please answer all questions by filling in the circle that best matches your response and by providing any requested information. Please return the completed survey in the enclosed stamped envelope as soon as possible.

1. **Approximately how many years have you owned your lake property? _____ (Write a number)**

2. **Which two reasons best describe why you purchased your Lake Butte des Morts property?(Mark only two)**

- Beauty of the location
- Proximity to water
- Boating/watersport activities
- Fishing and hunting potential
- Investment potential
- Retirement home
- Local community quality
- Other (Please identify)_____

3. **Do you consider your Lake Butte des Morts property to be your primary residence?**

- Yes
- No

4. **Which one best describes how often you are at your Lake Butte des Morts property?**

- Year-round – most days
- Weekends—year-round
- Most of Summer Season
- Weekends—summer
- Weekends—occasional
- Vacations/holidays
- Other (Please identify when)_____

5. **Which of these involving Lake Butte des Morts do you regularly participate in?**

Activity	Yes	No
Fishing, open water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fishing, ice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Kayaking/canoeing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swimming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Jetskiing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pleasure boating	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sailing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Waterskiing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bird watching	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (Please identify)		

6. **How much water frontage do you have?**

- Less than 50 feet
- 50 – 100 feet
- 101 – 200 feet
- Over 200 feet

7. How would you classify the height of the bank at the shoreline?

- High bank (greater than 10 feet)
- Low bank (less than 10 feet)

Definition: *Shoreline* refers to the area where the water and land meet.

8. Are any of these types of shore features part of your shoreline?

Types	Yes	No
Riprap (rock)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concrete seawall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wooden seawall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sheet piling seawall	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Beach (sand/gravel)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wetlands, marsh	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Definition: *Seawall* refers to an artificial erosion control measure placed at the shoreline.

9. How much do you agree/disagree with these statements about lawns in general?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Eye-appealing lake property includes a well-maintained lawn to the shoreline	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My neighbors value a well maintained lawn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A well maintained turf lawn increases property value	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. How much do you agree/disagree with these statements about fertilizers?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know
Fertilizing is important for a healthy lawn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using lawn fertilizer with phosphorus adds pollution to Lake Butte des Morts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No- and low-phosphorus fertilizer is too expensive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fertilizer with phosphorus is better than no- and low-phosphorus fertilizer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No- or low-phosphorus fertilizer is readily available	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. Do you maintain a lawn anywhere on your property?

- No (Skip to question 12)
- Yes

11a. How much do you agree/disagree with these statements about your lawn?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I value how my lawn looks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I care about what my neighbors think of my lawn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11b. How often do you hire a professional lawn care service for the following?

	Never	Sometimes	Often	Always
Lawn mowing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fertilizer application	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weed control application	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11c: How often do you or your lawn care service apply the following each year?

	Never	1 time	2 times	3 times	4 or more times	Don't Know
Fertilizer with phosphorus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No- or low-phosphorus fertilizer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weed-killer	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11d. If you apply fertilizer would you be willing to switch to a low- or no-phosphorus type?

- I don't use any fertilizer
- I already use a low- or no-phosphorus fertilizer
- I would consider switching to a low- or no-phosphorus fertilizer
- I would not consider switching to a low- or no-phosphorus fertilizer

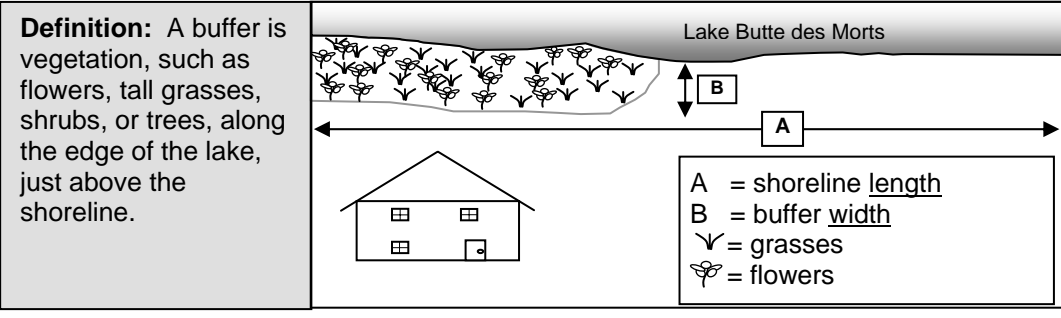
11e. If you use weed control chemicals would you consider stopping or reducing their use?

- I don't use weed control chemicals
- I would consider reducing the amount I use
- I would consider stopping the use of weed control chemicals
- I plan to continue to use as I always have

12. Do you ever burn yard waste or leaves on your Lake Butte des Morts property?

- No
- Yes **How far from the water is the location where you burn most often?**
 - Less than 25 feet
 - More than 25 feet

What is a buffer?



13. Do you have a buffer along your waterfront? (Check “no” if you have lawn all the way to the shore)

- No (Skip to question 14)
- Yes

13a: About how much of your total waterfront length has a buffer?

- All
- Most
- Some
- Small Amount

13b: What is the average buffer width?

- Less than 5 feet
- 6 to 15 feet
- 16 to 25 feet
- 26 to 35 feet
- 36 feet or more
- Don't know

13c: How important was each statement in your decision to install or maintain a buffer?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
Improved appearance of property	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased privacy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good for water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Reduced area to mow	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enjoy gardening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial incentive/cost share program	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved fish or wildlife habitat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify):				

14. How much do you agree/disagree with these statements about buffers?

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Buffers help protect water quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I know where to go for technical assistance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Installing a buffer is too expensive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Maintaining a buffer is too expensive	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buffers may reduce property values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buffers are messy and look unkempt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buffers make lake access difficult	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Buffers obstruct lake views	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. Would you say each of the following involving Lake Butte des Morts is “increasing”, “decreasing”, or staying “about the same”?

	Increasing	Decreasing	About the same	Not Sure
Amount of algae	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water clarity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amount of aquatic plants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Quality of fishing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Shoreline erosion on your lot	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

16. At what level do you think each of these contributes to pollution of Lake Butte des Morts?

	Not At All	Low	Moderate	High	Very High
Pet waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disposal of used motor oil & antifreeze	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lawn or urban fertilizers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lawn or urban pesticides	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Manure from farm animals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Storm water runoff from streets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Storm water runoff from rooftops, parking lots, & driveways.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Grass clippings and leaves	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soil from construction sites	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Street salt and sand	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discharges from industry	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agricultural fertilizers and pesticides	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soil from farm fields	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improper disposal of household hazardous waste	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17. Are you now doing any of the following practices? If the practice does not apply to your situation please mark that response.

Practice	Yes	No	Does Not Apply
A. Recycle oil that you change yourself	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
B. Take household hazardous waste (e.g., lead-based paint & household cleaners) to a community drop-off site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
C. Conduct soil tests lawn to determine lawn fertilizer application rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
D. Melt ice on driveway or sidewalk using minimal amount of salt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
E. Create a compost pile for grass clippings & leaves in your yard	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
F. Drop off grass clippings & leaves at a community composting site	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
G. Use a mulching lawnmower	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
H. Re-direct rain downspouts to your lawn rather than your driveway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I. Keep your sidewalks & driveway clear of grass clippings & leaves	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
J. Keep your street gutters clear of grass clippings & leaves	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
K. Wash your car on your lawn instead of on your driveway	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
L. Clean up and dispose of pet waste (outdoor waste)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
M. Create a rain garden to infiltrate roof runoff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
N. Use rain barrels to capture roof runoff	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Would you be willing to adopt any practices that you checked “no” to in the above table knowing that this may help reduce pollution of Lake Butte des Morts?

- No
- Yes

****If Yes, go to the above table and **circle the letter** of those you would be willing to start.

19. How important are the following reasons when you make decisions about landscaping and yard care changes?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
Improved appearance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Neighbors' attitudes/views	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effects on property values	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effects on lake views from home	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effects on water quality of Lake Butte des Morts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Desire for gardening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Effects on local fish and wildlife	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Information from the following questions is important to understand who completed the survey. Your responses will be kept confidential and combined with those from other survey respondents for data analysis.

20. How involved are you in making decisions affecting your lake property?

- Uninvolved
- Somewhat involved
- Very involved

21. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

22. What is your age as of today? Write a number _____

23. What was your approximate gross (before taxes) 2006 household income?

- Less than \$25,000
- \$25,001 - \$50,000
- \$50,001 - \$75,000
- \$75,001 - \$100,000
- More than \$100,000

24. What is the approximate market value of your property (house and lot)?

- Less than \$70,000
- \$70,001 - \$130,000
- \$130,001 - 190,000
- \$190,001 - 250,000
- \$250,001 - \$500,000
- More than \$500,000

Thank you for your time and for providing this valuable information. Please use the last page for any additional comments about the topics covered in this survey.

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Additional Comments

**Please return your completed survey in the reply envelope provided.
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