

**Town of Amherstburg – Big Creek Watershed Study Questionnaire – November 17, 2008**

*For each of the following statements, please indicate your level of agreement, ranging from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree.*

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
1. The Town or ERCA should undertake an educational program about appropriate planting programs on property adjacent to the shoreline. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. The Town or the Ministry of the Environment should undertake an educational program about the importance of having septic tanks inspected to determine if it was operating properly. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. The Town, ERCA or MOE should undertake an educational program about the impact of livestock getting to close to the waters edge. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. The Town should impose a ban on the use of fertilizers or chemicals within the watershed or within a specified distance of the waters. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. In your opinion, area residents are aware of how they should use pesticides and fertilizers. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No opinion
<p>6. In your opinion, the Town, ERCA, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Rural Affairs, etc. are doing enough to educate property owners, farmers, tourists, etc. about the importance of protecting the watershed, water quality and habitat.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>7. In your opinion, farmers in the area are aware of Beneficial Management Practices for manure storage, for manure spreading, soil conservation practices, fertilizer and pesticide storage and application, fuel storage and livestock access restrictions.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>8. In your opinion, well users in the area know about why they should get their water tested and where and how often.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>9. In your opinion, local wildlife / hunt clubs are educated enough on best management practices.</p> <p><i>Comments:</i></p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No opinion
10. There should be an educational program aimed at public school children on the importance of the watershed and all the activities that take place within the watershed. <i>Comments:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. If a source of pollution is found, to what extent do you agree that the following steps are appropriate for the Town to take:					
a) fine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) correct and bill the property owner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) correct and absorb the cost	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) inform the property owner and suggest they correct the problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) do nothing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comments:</i>					
12. What should be the Town and ERCA's priorities?					
a)					
b)					
c)					

	Yes	No	No Opinion
13. Did you know that ERCA offers grant programs for things such as:			
a) helping repairing septic tank systems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) capping of abandoned well heads	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) safe sealing of used wells	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) extending well heads so that they are at least 16 inches above the ground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) grading or seeding soil surface around private wells	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) preparing Conservation Farm Plans for individual farmers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No opinion
14. Providing funding for programs such as those identified in Question 13 is a good idea.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comments:</i>					

	Yes	No	No Opinion
15. Did you know the Town has set up a web site to keep people informed, educated and to allow complaints to be filed or suggestions made?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comments:</i>			
16. Is there anything else you want to add to what you have already commented on or on issues not raised?			
<i>Comments:</i>			

**Priorities List**

Of all the things we have talked about tonight, what are the top 5 actions or issues that should be addressed first?

Please record your first priority with a #1, second priority with a #2, and so on until #5. A maximum of 5 boxes should be marked.

a) Undertake or require septic tank inspections

b) Regulate the application of fertilizers and pesticides

c) Educate property owners on best management practices

d) Provide funding for specific improvements like septic tanks, capping wells, testing wells, preparing environmental plans

e) Encourage planting along water's edge

f) Fence of livestock from water's edge

g) Undertaking an educational campaign

h) Other (specify)  
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i) Conduct more workshops

j) Better communications

k) Provide more funding to property owners to do any of these projects

l) Impose stiffer fines for poor environmental practices

m) Increased monitoring of water quality

n) Do more clean ups

o) Stricter enforcement of existing legislation and regulations

p) Other (specify)  
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