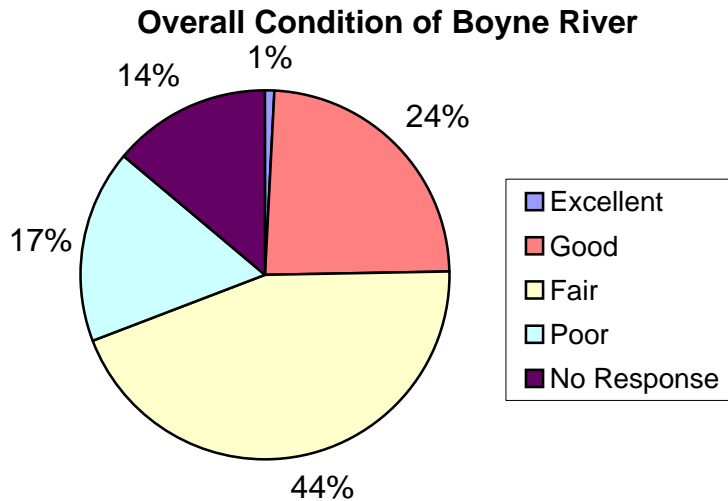


## Stephenfield Lake Watershed - Landowner Survey

1) I think the Overall Condition of the Boyne River and Stephenfield Lake is:



**Comments:**

"Don't Know"  
 "I don't really know that area well"  
 "I do not feel qualified to answer"

2) I am concerned about the following issues in the watershed:

	<b>Number of Surveys</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Surface Water Quality	277	66.0%
Ground Water Quality	253	60.2%
Streambank Erosion	166	39.5%
Soil Erosion	160	38.1%
Invasive Species	137	32.6%
Flooding	135	32.1%
Drainage	135	32.1%
Wildlife Habitat	132	31.4%
Deforestation	130	31.0%
Wetland Loss	109	26.0%
Endangered Species	51	12.1%
No Response	48	11.4%
<b>Total Surveys Received</b>	<b>420</b>	

**Comments:**

"Storing more water upstream in small manageable dams"  
 "We need to limit the amount of irrigation"  
 "Water Management"  
 "Cattle with direct access to the lake"  
 "Winter spreading of manure"  
 "Placement of new intensive livestock facilities, e.g. cattle wintering near boyne and tributaries for leaching possibilities into acquifers below - over fertilization of irrigated fragile soils."  
 "Concerned about hog barns"

## **Question #2 Comments Con't:**

"Problem: Agricultural use of water to water livestock DIRECTLY out of the boyne River and tributaries"

"Manure spreading in winter time."

"Hog factories, manure application."

"Very concerned about the indiscriminate development of "Pork Farms" above, along the watershed and related short & long term potential deterioration of water quality."

"Improper management of animal waste (farm)."

"Some people use the lake as a garbage disposal site"

"Dumping ground for RM of Lorne and others / pig barns operations polluting Dufferin's water / big money for corporation with no regard for the future of our environment."

"Garbage in the river."

"Illegally dumping, legal dumping (town sewage lagoons), municipal activity (altering the creek flow & riparian areas)

"Drainage Ditches are not properly maintained"

"I am most concerned about Drainage and water quality"

"Carman Diversion- Threshold level for diversion is too high - spring flood is excessive"

"Too much drainage"

"Concern- floodway underutilization - water rose high on river into our backyard, move water needs to be moved to the floodway. High water (also rushing) leading to river bank accelerate erosion."

"I am thankful and appreciate the improvements made along PTH 305. I used to live next to the road and was alarmed when the water in spring got near the house and the driveway would have to be cut to speed run-off. My son now owns the farm and has made a dyke around the yard."

"Over use of irrigation from the Boyne River."

"Surface water Quality especially"

"Contaminated surface waters finding way to boyne river and then to stephenfield lake"

"Water Supply "

"Quality of drinking water"

"Surface water is a source of ground water in our well, which has been analyzed a couple of years back - It was clear."

"Our water is a valuable commodity."

"Clean water for recreation."

"River is full of dead trees, awfull!"

"Lack of good water."

"Overuse of common resources (water) by industry at the expense of residents and non-industrial farms."

"My concerns is swimming in Stephenfield Lake. Also we get out drinking water from the Lake."

"I am also concerned about water volumes. In a series of wet years this is not a problem, but should a series of dry years return, is the watershed capable of supplying the increased needs due to rural water supply system now in place. Do you have any plans to address this? What about agriculture and industry dependant on a steady supply- how will you provide for them in such a case?"

"Banks at River Cove washing out"

"The Sludge at boyne river. We own the empty lot used by the town beside river. The lime sludge looks gross"

"Algae & its growth"

"Weeds & algae swammy lake bottom."

"Weed & algae problem in the lake."

"The lake is nothing but a dirty rotten, stinking, swamp and it needs to be dredged out."

"Heavy water use and heavy deforestation are causing wildlife to bunch up in small areas."

"Logging- recreational use, trees down etc.. Needs attached beautification."

"Concerned with the loss of wildlife habitat, geese, ducks, swans, deer, rabbits, birds."

**Question #2 Comments Con't:**

"Is our town water well taken care of? Is the equipment being maintained? Does an inspector do spot inspections to ensure quality control?"  
"Stephenfield lake / river should be dredged - low water levels"  
"Supply: need to bring in water from Assiniboine"  
"Drainage from the town line north of Rathwell to 4 miles down stream of the Boyne needs to be cleaned out. Water just sits and backs up onto farm land. Ocean & Fisheries are so concerned about fish the boyne dries up late summer, there are no fish."  
"We need more retainer dams. To make certain the watershed can supply clean water in the future."  
" I am concerned if other issues do exist."  
"Draining down of aquifers; private well water quality. Pollution of Stephenfield Lake by ILO's, draining of groundwater aquifers by intensive hog factory operations."

**3) I am concerned about the following water quality impairments:**

	<b>Number of Surveys</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Agricultural Runoff	217	51.7%
Bacteria	175	41.7%
Excessive Algae Growth	173	41.2%
Chemicals/Pesticides	162	38.6%
Excessive Nutirents	153	36.4%
Soil Erosion	141	33.6%
Municipal Waste	125	29.8%
Clarity	85	20.2%
Road oils and Salts	85	20.2%
Temperature	23	5.5%
No Response	49	11.7%
Total Surveys Received	420	

**Comments:**

"NITRATES"  
"Private waste on properties with waterways running through their land"  
"Placement of town lagoons - education of towns people with the use of lawn fertilizers and chemicals as overuse is quite easy to do farmersare more as over use has become very costly - better manure management, especially on fragile land over acquifers."  
"Concerned with septic systems from homes along the river leaking"  
"Feed Lots too close to the boyne"  
"Excessive nutrients and chemicals/pesticide are being accused and farmers practices are being attacked unjustly by pseudo scientists such as Suzuki without producing or listing any scientific proof"  
"Hog manure running into stephenfield lake and our spring wells at the foot of Roseisle Hills Community well directly in line of hog barns"  
"Run off from fields with improperly applied manure"  
"Agriculture chemicals, fertilizers used need Boyne River and also livestock operations. A set back should be implemented."

**Question # 3 Comments Con't:**

"Remove manure from slope on the north side of #2 highway, northeast of Treherne, that's on the east side."

"Proper application of livestock waste."

"Seepage of livestock manure waste into water flowing into the river and lake area."

"Some older hog barns -still are not following disposal of hog manure rules."

"Watering cattle in rivers & Stephenfield Lake."

"Concerned about farm run-off especially in the hills and the dumping of manure in the creeks."

"Cattle feedlot run-off."

"All the new barns being built; is the manure well disposed of? Do inspectors do routine tests?"

"Livestock graze along and in the Boyne River."

"Specific is related to "Pork Farms" development and heavy farm application of chemicals."

"Farm animal manure."

"Excessive manure spreading particularly by I.L.O.'s."

"Smell of the water"

"Water Tastes Swampy"

"Stephenfield Lake has excessive algae growth. You can taste swampy taste in municipal water.

It also increases leech population on the beach area which reduces customers to come to the beach."

"I don't see how you can control temperature"

"Corrosion in vehicles comes through salt used on road mainly provincial ones, we have no control on that."

"Leech's disgusting."

"It would be nice if something could be done about the algae and the leeches that haven't taken over the lake making it unappealing visually and not very user friendly."

"Run off after a large storm."

"Far too many boats for the lake, I recommend electric/paddle boat or hp restriction."

"Dry year - will there be enough water?"

"Lack of water on a dry year. Why not dredge the lake for more water storage."

"Cleaned up, it so polluted its like a giant sea pool."

"Ignorance (ex. Herbicide containers dumped near a water source."

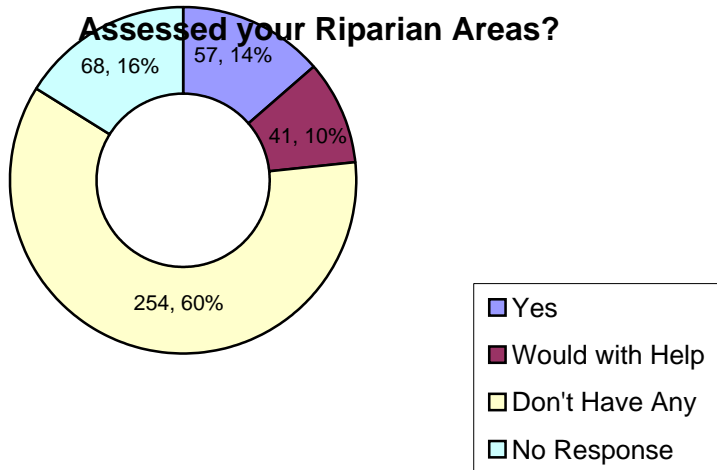
"Was lot of algae this year, but it was because of dry conditions."

"If in dry years, the lake gets low and temperatures go up, any factor that impedes water quality will be amplified."

"Non State-of-the-art water treatment facilities"

"All of these are important"

4) Have you assessed your riparian areas?

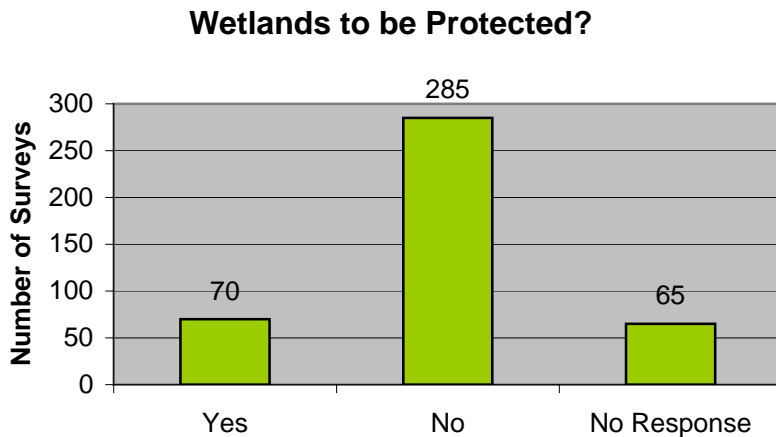


**Comments:**

"I riparian areas are important"  
 "This does not apply to me"  
 "Not sure what you mean?"  
 "Have property backing on to Roseisle creek, but it is not farm land"

"Have riparian areas that are already fenced out from neighbour's animals; our property is not farmed and is left in its natural state."

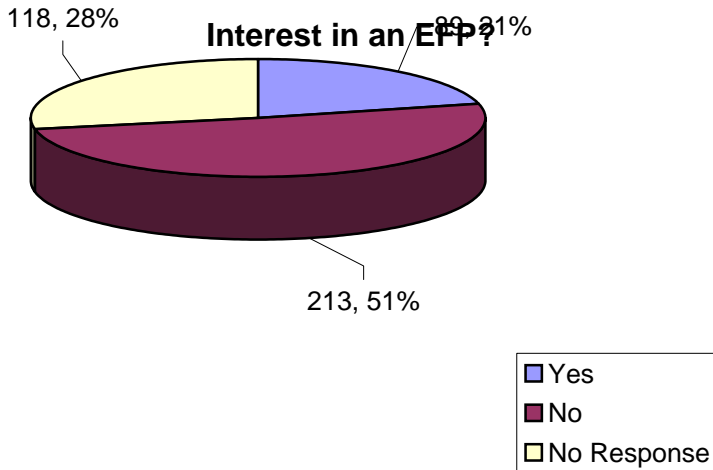
5) Do you have wetlands on your property, that you would like to restore or protect?



**Comments:**

"Maybe, not sure"  
 "This does not apply to me, but it is very important"  
 "I don't have riparian areas except during flooding"

**6) Would you be interested in participating in an Equivalent Farm Plan for the Watershed?**



**Comments:**

"No Open Wells"  
 "This does not apply to me"  
 "I don't have any land near the river"  
 "You wouldn't listen to me anyways"  
 "Hopefully this is of interest to those who have farms within the area"

**7) Have you considered or do you already practice any of the following?**

	Number of Surveys	Percentage
Erosion Control	78	18.6%
Sealing Abandoned Wells	73	17.4%
Rotational Grazing	39	9.3%
Buffer Vegetation	38	9.0%
Gully Control	39	9.3%
Alternate Watering	34	8.1%
Streambank Rehabilitation	26	6.2%
Water Course Fencing	16	3.8%
Sediment Control	7	1.7%
No Response	253	60.2%
<b>Total Surveys Received</b>	<b>420</b>	

**Comments:**

"Pigs do not graze"  
 "I don't own farm land"  
 "This doesn't apply to me"  
 "I practice water conservation."  
 "I don't have any land near the river"  
 "This does not apply to me as there is no water on my property"  
 "I have a well to be sealed."

**8) Do any of the following apply to your property in the Stephenfield Watershed?**

	Number of Surveys	Percentage
Flooding over Banks	69	16.4%
Beaver Dam Activity	64	15.2%
Poor Water Quality	61	14.5%
Riverbanks Slumping	58	13.8%
Active Channel Erosion	45	10.7%
Invasive Plants	32	7.6%
Changing Vegetation	20	4.8%
No Response	248	59.0%
<b>Total Surveys Received</b>	<b>420</b>	

**Comments:**

"Salinity"  
 "Leafy Spurge"  
 "This doesn't apply to me"  
 "Invasive plants - leafy spurge"  
 "Beaver Dam activity: but I don't mind it"  
 "I don't have any land near the river"  
 "This does not apply to me: there is no water on my property"  
 "Poor Water Quality: at times, if looks are an indication, due to hog barns"

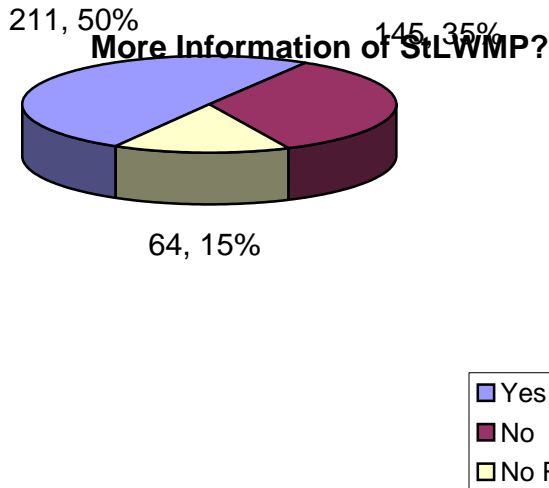
**9) Where does your drinking water currently come from?**

	<b>Number of Surveys</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Municipal Distribution	135	32.1%
Private Well	109	26.0%
Bottled Source	109	26.0%
Regional Water Pipeline	80	19.0%
Cistern/ Hauled Water	21	5.0%
No Response	56	13.3%
<b>Total Surveys Received</b>	<b>420</b>	

**Comments:**

"Can't drink the water in town; smells and taste's awful"  
 "This does not apply to me"  
 "Town Well"

**10) Would you like more information about the health and needs of the Stephenfield Watershed?**



**Comments:**

"We do not live on the lake"  
 "Save money, put your information in the press."  
 "I want most \$ to go toward improvements in areas noted"  
 "We do not live on the river but do have major concerns about all of the above"  
 "Would like more information regarding projects in the immediate area that would affect our property eg. Dams on adjacent properties."

**Other Comments:**

"This does not apply to me, I live in town"  
 "The water in town is disgusting"  
 "The Boyne River is disgusting"  
 "Stephenfield Lake is disgusting"  
 "I am concerned about manure getting into a water source especially drinking water"  
 "I support your actions"  
 "I am concerned about hog barns"  
 "I've noticed a decrease in plant species"  
 "Agricultural sprays are overused"  
 "The river needs to be cleaned on a regular basis"  
 "Something needs to be done to keep water levels in Carman down"  
 "This does not apply to me, I have no land in that area"  
 "I have been very pleased with the quality of our water"  
 "The Lake is getting shallow"  
 "The Lake needs to be dredged"  
 "This does not apply to me, I don't own farm land"

### **Other Comments Con't:**

"You don't understand what you're doing"

"I am too old to respond to this letter"

"We need to work on Beautification"

"I Have No Concerns"

"We live near the river bank and are afraid of the erosion caused by rapid water flow"

" 1. I would like to see a controlled dam on the east side of main street bridge so you could flush the river in the spring and also raise the water level through town the rest of the year 2. Step dams along the boyne to raise the water level and hold more water back, 3. Control amount of water farmers use and assist them in building their own reservoirs."

"I am 83 years old, I cannot answer any of your questions intelligently, however, I do drink"

" I just hope we can make a difference"

" I am 86 years old and have deer in my back yard"

"Small amounts of water should be allocated to industry to ensure economic development. Over allocation of the lake for potato industry should not be acceptable"

"Most of the time the water is acceptable"

"Our biggest concern is the Beaver Dam Activity on Roseisle Creek"

"I am not interested in this subject"

"Please be democratic about any decisions you make: this is not a dictatorship"

"Don't put this on our taxes or water bill"

"A good idea to restore wetlands but there is no monetary value when it comes time to sell the farmland"

"We should have holding ponds/reservoirs in the west by Treherne before it runs east in the spring"

"Man has created too much drainage and it now moves too quickly in places"

"A survey is a good idea"

"Subsidize with programs to protect natural water runs, creeks, streams, natural habitats, woodlands, etc, controlling drainage and irrigation and to stop the diverting & damming of natural creeks"

"Erosion is a major concern"

"There used to be crayfish and clams in the Boyne River, now they are not there"

"We are concerned about water and habitat in the area"

"Keep the cows out of the water!"

"At this time we are not living full time in our home. Should we move back we would be more interested"

"I am more concerned about fishing in lake Wpg and Lake Manitoba and the USA dumping water in our country. You should be worrying about more important issues"

"Who's responsibility is it to clean up the debris that collects along the river? Eg: logs & mattresses found caught in bridge supports"

"A long overdue plan, you have our complete support in taxing and committing money to repairing the watershed"

"The chair persons stated seem to be hypocritical in the matter at hand as 2 large hog operations are under construction over our fresh water supply"

"I have concerns about the floodway filling in"

"There should be a limit on the horsepower of boats on the Lake, as the wake from these large motors cause damage to the shore line"

"Water quality is worse than it used to be. Algae causes more problems in our greenhouses on very young plants."

"Clean water is important, as it is a disappearing resource"

"Thank you for including me in your survey"

"I sent in a sample of unusual surface water to the Carman Town office and I have not heard anything further"

"Please share the results of this survey"

### **Other Comments Con't:**

"Opening the diversion more to keep water lower in the Boyne at Carman will make for less erosion. Also, because there was a low water level in the river this fall, maybe this winter stone should be put at the base of the river to stop erosion."

"I am very interested in the subject, but I think I am too old to contribute"

"Concerned about water quality for our area. Everything possible has to be done to maintain the highest quality possible. Also, our wetlands and wildlife habitats have to be left in their natural states"

"Could irrigation canals be implemented as in southern Alberta?"

"I have concerns about the damage wildlife is having on farmland"

"I would like to see more fish stocking of Stephenfield lake"

"How is Stephenfield lake replenished? Where does the Boyne River start? Could it dry out with mismanagement? How much chemicals go in the lake/river? This all could affect lake Winnipeg down the way."

"I don't know much about the lake and therefore will not comment."

"My water used to be good, but recently has become much much worse"

"We only own a small acreage, I don't think any of this really pertains to us"

"Does the Conservation District test the water in the watershed for quality issues?"

"What is the quality of water in Stephenfield Lake?"

"I would like to see better maintenance of drainage ditch systems. ie: I shouldn't have to call to get trees and weeds mowed"

"There are already enough laws, there needs to be a will to enforce them"

"Council concerns are brought up on several occasions regarding manure spreading and its eventual creeping into Stephenfield Watershed"

"Action group members does not include any producers, producer group representatives or representation from PFRA. This has been grossly overlooked and needs to be rectified, as results produced by this group will not be balanced with the interests and needs of agriculture"

"Anything that happens to the Boyne River water supply is very much our interest. RE. feedlots, pig farms, excess irrigation, etc..."

"We have a creek going through both quarters which is habitat for wildlife, deer, wolves, turkeys, typically in the natural state. It flows steadily as it has multiple water sources (springs) which supply the water all year round. Even this year with low precipitation it ran steadily. It takes a good 15 acres of the NW 1/4 of 24-7-9, and has a steep bank on both sides of the creek. A deer path runs through the ravine, its all wood. I have talked with David concerning this matter and had a definite answer if we qualify or not, we don't."

"Tighter control limits for non-permit holders as far as irrigation pumping out of Stephenfield Lake, eg. Potato farmers."

"Only have 3 acres, our waterfront is on the South Boyne, don't operate a farm. Would like to see watershed healthy including fishing at Stephenfield Lake."

"I have been renting this land for the past 35 years. If there is any information on this program contact me. I will forward any information to Wilbert Hansett."

"Drainage problems is an issue here and is a problem, where streams that flows to the Boyne River are full of silt and during spring run-off or heavy rains water flows across roads and fields. During this process chemicals, weeds and whatever else is pick up and carried in the Boyne. On my farm manure is composted. After harvest it is spread and incorporated. Runoff from the winter livestock feeding area flows towards an alfalfa field. Fuel storage has been stopped and I use card lock."

"It is up to Government to manage fertilizer and chemicals but not manure, most farmers spread it where it is most needed."

"I live within town limits and I'm not too sure if getting this survey was in error. However, I lived in rural Carman for many years and have dealt with this areas water all my life. I commend those who treat and purify our water, but I think if some more precautions were taken especially in the farming areas, our water quality could be greatly increased."

### **Other Comments Con't:**

"I have concerns about the lack of drainage within our area."

"We live in Carman and moved here 10 years ago, there has been serious bank erosion along the Boyne River.

We feel that the diversion takes in too much water in the spring and causes lots of damage. A gate on one of the culverts would stop this problem. It could be opened as the water recedes."

"I have moved from Treherne and no longer own property within watershed."

"Water quality and quantity, protection and sustainability of water resources are very important issues.

We appreciate and support the work the stakeholders and this organization is doing to maintain and protect our water resources, not only for the present but for our children, grandchildren and future generations."

"I haven't lived here for over 20 years. The farm is mainly planted for cattle feed and no one has lived on this land since 1986."

"I don't reside within the watershed but do own land within it and am concerned about all water-land care."

"I'm very disappointed in the taste of the water in spring & specially right now-August. I am very surprised that when the water levels are so low I see many farmers continuing to be able to irrigate fields. I am pleased to see the conditions of the water in Stephenfield Lake better then most years.."

"Main concern is riverbank erosion."

"We would go swimming more often if leeches were controlled in the lake. We would use municipal water if it didn't taste like algae. We have good water from our private well and would like that to continue."

"The Boyne River runs through our property. Riverbank erosion is a real concern as is erosion surrounding an old bridge on the property."

"When I was growing up we drank the water from the tap, now we use a filter and still find it has a bad taste. I don't think I can trust the quality of the water supply."

"In 1952, my husband and I were taken by Willis Jyle to his farm west of Roseisle. He wanted to show us where Carman's water supply in the Boyne River came from. He showed us a few small springs bubbling out of the ground and explained how fragile our water source was. He told us in the event of a drought for 3 years that the Boyne River would dry up because the few springs that feed the river would soon dry up leaving no water in the lake or river. I am concerned that too many people are drawing from this fragile water supply. Years ago there were lots of trees and brush and we had a lot of snow which resulted in a big spring flood. This flood would flush the river of debris and impurities every year. Because the Boyne River is so slow flowing there is a lot of algae, etc.. every summer."

"Very interesting material, keep up the good work."

"I wish you group the best of luck, but I can't see the province or RMs doing anything that might contravene commercial interests. If I can help, let me know."

"Run off from farmers fields and boats are the biggest problems. I have seen oil slicks near the main beach at Stephenfield Park."

"Our property is not farmed or subjected to heavy grazing. It is mostly wooded and serves as wildlife habitat.

We were offered water from regional pipeline but declined since without regular flow in the line we were concerned with our line freezing. We have had beavers in the creek in the past. The dams were washed out as a result of the June 10, 2002 thunderstorm and they haven't returned. The creek is normally dry in the summer."

"I live in Carman and when I go for the mail I cross over the bridge and appauled by the condition of the river.

I swan in the river as a child and am surprised on how it has deterrioted by the over use of chemicals, etc..."

"Not stringent enough controls over location of livestock operations, some too close to the river other located to drain over acquifers, ie. Kroeker Farms south of Roland."

"We have done BMP already. Some questions have no answer if you have no livestock. We have gone to grid soil sampling, variable rate fertilizer, we use soil maps, grid maps and elevation maps.

We also try to reduce chemical use."

"We have found the water to have a very "musty" smell and taste this year. You couldn't not drink it straight from the tap, you had to leave it sit in the fridge for a while before it would taste better."

**Other Comments Con't:**

- "DFO is so concerned about saving fish, there are no fish. They can start writing cheques for lost income to us farmers that loose money because some idiot in Ottawa that make these policies has no clue."
- "I'm relieved to see a group of people, who are keeping a watchful eye on our water source. So far I feel our water quality has been pretty good but I am concerned about the future. This dry summer makes me realize how quickly the water situation can change."
- "2006 was fairly dry, water rationing was just about enforced. We need more water retentions structures built into the system."
- "Heavy irrigation from Boyne River system draw water level to dangerous level in 06-07."
- "The lake needs cleaning out! The bottom is very gross-affects the pleasure of recreational use. The weeds & algae were also bad for a while this summer. Removing sludge possibly by dredging would be a positive thing. The park is a beautiful place but if the lake condition deteriorates it will become less attractive & people will go elsewhere. I'm sure the spring/summer/fall use helps our small communities economically. It is also an important water source & should be maintained for future high water quality & ample supply for us all."
- "I would like to see Stephenfield Lake cleared out. If a bit of sludge was taken out of the bottom, it would increase storage without back-flooding any more land. Cleaning out some weeds and algae would also make it more attractive for recreation thus helping the economy of the area. Has it ever been considered to enlarge the lake for more storage? Straightening instead of this whinding shoreline."
- "I feel this survey doesn't apply to me as I live in Carman, a 1/2 block away from the Boyne River."
- "I am not living on the river bank. I'm retired but would be a supporter of younger people who recognize the importance of future planning."
- "I live on a 12-acre yard site with no flooding or erosion concerns. I am interested in good science regarding runoff and positive or negative agricultural practices. I am not interested in extreme measure that are put forward by some scientists. It is important to recognize necessary development in any given region and that development can happen in a responsible manner. Our father in heaven gave us this earth to manage and grow in together, he sets the limits."
- "We have planted many trees to reduce the wind erosion problem. A well the municipality program planted green ash & buffalo berry on the west & north side but because of the sandy soil had limited success. We have planted scotch pine, spruce, willow, etc.. from PFRA (1000-1500) over many years and the conifers seem to survive better. Many of these are on crown land adjacent to our property along the lake shore. We have also planted pine from the interlake. We also purchased pine from the Hadishville, MB Gov't, nursery and they seemed to do OK. We have a beaver problem and have had to put wire around some trees close to the lake."
- "Not applicable to our property."
- "Something should be done to hold back our spring run-off water. How about also having a river clean-up project from Stephenfield Lake to Homewood. With proper daming and clean-up it could also become a great tourist attraction."
- "I would like to look at the possibility of control dams."
- "Irrigation consumption needs to be monitored much more closely in dry years. Both farm & recreational."
- "I would like to know if there are future plans to expand the distribution of water pipelines that would include our property. We would be very interested in hooking up to a course of treated water, as the well we were obtaining water from is no longer potable. We have since switched to water from the Stephenfield Plant and have it trucked in by a contractor."
- "It seems that landowner's want their land to drain the first day of spring. They are not leaving any buffer vegetation to protect against erosion and blame the RM when the ditches are full of topsoil also leaving the clean up costs to the RM. I also see that RM building huge ditches (at large cost) to drain farm land that has been wet for a thousand years. Decisions that involve large sums of money should require more input for tax payers. Often these projects create more problems then do good (if effective at all!) As a tax payer I must say that RM of Dufferin has the poorest roads of any RM I have driven in. For what I pay to the RM and what I receive, will soon be enough for me to refuse to pay taxes in this RM."

### **Other Comments Con't:**

"There is some concern about the pile of snow on Gov't property which drains into a bit of a slough and on the north side of PR 242. The other concern is the manure management of Shady Lane Colony & where that run-off is going to the north-east."

"I think it's great that the Stephenfield Watershed is being looked at. We have a great resource in it not only as a water source but as a recreational area as well. We feel blessed to live this close to a lake, and park and hope that any actions put forth by the "committee" and landowners will promote and ensure a long and healthy life for the lake."

"When our family moved to Carman 12 years ago, we were promptly warned: Do not drink the tap water or swim in the river and Stephenfield Lake. The Boyne River along the scenic river trail is an environmental disaster. I have witnessed over the year; chemical & pesticide containers floating in the river (I notified the town), increased algae growth, and garbage such as a bike, box spring, plastic bags, bottles and cans dumped into the river. In Stephenfield Lake, we pulled a fish out which was covered in slime and growths resembling tumours. It is no surprise to me the incidence of CANCER is increasing in the area. SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE!"

"I have concerns relating to the proliferation of intensive pork barns and the short & long term affects on the quality of water in the Stephenfield Watershed, particularly the area from and leading into the area above Roseisle. The long term utilization of the watershed has to be ensured through quality assurance. How can a watershed be protected when the co-chair of the study is directly in conflict with the purpose of the watershed quality being protected. "This Pork Council of Manitoba?" I would prefer this obvious conflict be resolved, to allow the goals to proceed "without obvious alignment." Note: I am not against economic development or pork farms. I am also not against working with any committee towards bettering water quality."

"Since the bush, marsh and swamps have been bull dozed and the land made into farm land, I have been flooded almost every spring and my well water has slowly deteriorated."

"The only comment at this time would be a real concern that some of the bridges over the Boyne River still have huge piles-up of trees & stumps that were brought in by high spring water and still there by late August at that time with our all time low water level, it would have been easy to remove and avoid a more serious pile-up next spring with the possibility of losing the bridge. Please see for yourself at 3 miles east and 1.5 miles north of the Carman Lights."

"Since I live on an acreage a lot of the questions don't quality to me. When my husband was alive we had cattle and practices alternative grazing etc.. One of my main concerns is cancer. We have had neighbours and ultimately my husband pass away from it. I really believe a lot of cancers are environmentally related through pesticides, fertilizers and other chemicals."

"We are experiencing riverbank erosion in town. How are there ways to combat this without the use of concrete slabs being dumped over the sides? Spring is the primary time for erosion to take place."

"I would like to see residential and public well quality testing on a regular basis and the results of the latter (public, municipal) wells be posted in a newsletter or newspaper, subsidized of course by the Watershed Management Group or the Conservation District. I would like to see the authorities spend a little concern and money on protecting the clean quality of the resources already in use, rather than planning on abandoning all this historical resource in favor of treating poor water and distributing it to all."

"We are market gardeners and are concerned about spray drift on our plants mainly from airplace spraying. We have lost raspberry plant and have spray spots on our leafy vegetables."

"I am concerned about a drainage along my field put in by the municipality. I would like someone to come and have a look at what's happening to part of the field. I would like someone to come to see what can be done before I see my attorney."

"Weeds in the Lake are a very big problem when it comes to fishing and boating."

"Please contact us as we have a serious problem with river bank erosion."

"We feel there is not enough water flow for some periods of the year especially during the irrigation season. With the river being so low it causes dirt & silt to contaminate our well. We have a lot of trouble with pumps burning out and seizing up. We need a continuous supply to run our colony's livestock and domestic needs."

**Other Comments Con't:**

"The government environment department need proper regulations when it comes to the permitting of large livestock operations in the area."

"My property is a condo in Carman, on the banks of the Boyne. While the condo corporation is responsible for bank erosion, as a property owner I share in the corporation's interest."

"We own a cabin called "Honky Tonk." I would like to turn it into a demonstration project for good land & water care except I don't know much about this area."

"None of this affects our land as we are 4 miles away from the River."

"We have a beautiful provincial park at Stephenfield and improving the lake would be an asset. The water is so gross in August for most years that the water is literally green. The lake should be dredged due to the amount of silt/fill running off the land (water run off). This would also help with water cleanliness and the amount of water storage. Please make improvements to our beautiful lake."

"We are both very concerned about the lack of control of the location and number of pig barns in the area of the Stephenfield Lake. The municipality of Lorne, in particular, is allowing construction of large units that are creating a real and imminent threat to the health and quality of the whole watershed. Investigation into those pumping from the Boyne River should be a priority."