Dowling Lake Septic System Nutrient Loading Survey

These questions are meant to collect information needed to determine the approximate amount of phosphorus and nitrogen that enters Dowling Lake from residential septic systems. This information is being collected as part of a larger project which aims to determine from where the sources of nutrients within Dowling Lake originate. This project is being funded through a grant awarded to the Dowling Lake Association. No identifying information will be attached to these survey responses.

1. Is there any sort of septic system on your Dowling Lake property?
- **A.** Yes
- **B.** No (***This is the end of the survey for you***)

2. What type of septic system is on your Dowling Lake property? ***(Select all that apply)***
- **A.** Holding Tank
- **B.** Mound System
- **C.** Conventional
- **D.** Cesspool System
- **E.** At-grade System
- **F.** Pre-Treatment system
- **G.** Unknown

3. On average, how many days per year is your Dowling Lake property in use?

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4. On average, how many people are present when your Dowling Lake property is in use?

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5. To the best of your knowledge, is your septic system currently up to date and functioning as intended?
- **A.** Yes
- **B.** No
- **C.** Unsure

6. How often is the septic system on your property pumped?
- **A.** Multiple times a year
- **B.** Once a year
- **C.** Every 2-4 years
- **D.** Every 5-10 years
- **E.** Do not know

Beginning in the spring of 2019, every owner of property served by a septic system in Douglas County will receive an initial postcard notification from Douglas County stating that their system must be inspected; owners will have 3 years from the initial postcard to complete this inspection. A third of the county will receive the initial postcard each year. Property owners in Summit and Oakland will not receive these notices until 2020. After the initial postcard is mailed, property owners will be receiving postcard reminders to have their system inspected and/or pumped every 3 years and/or as specified in the maintenance plan for their septic system. For more information on this process visit: https://www.douglascountywi.org/1070/POWTS-Maintenance-Information or contact the Douglas County Department of Planning and Zoning.

This survey is part of a water quality improvement planning project being conducted by the Amnicon-Dowling Lake Management District and is in no way connected to the Douglas County septic system inspections mandate.

Thank you for completing this survey!