

# CITY OF PORTAGE

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*"Where the North Begins"*

We're asking for your help! This survey, which we expect should take about 10-15 minutes to complete, is an important step to help in the development of a new management plan for Silver Lake. Please share your experiences with and priorities for Silver Lake, along with some demographic information to help us understand who responded. The survey is being conducted as a partnership between City of Portage, UW-Stevens Point and the Columbia County Land & Water Conservation Department- so please contribute to this effort by completing the online survey!

Here are a few important notes about this study:

- Remember all results will be kept confidential; we're just looking for your important perspective about how to better manage Silver Lake and the surrounding watershed.
- All responses will be treated as anonymous and records used to contact respondents containing identifying information will be destroyed prior to the research team reviewing data.
- Please skip any questions that make you feel uncomfortable or that you don't know how to answer.
- If you would like a paper copy of the survey contact Chris Arnold, Columbia County Land and Water Conservation Department 608.742.9674

While your participation is voluntary your input can help bring local voices into these important efforts to enhance Silver Lake. If you have any questions or comments about this project you may contact me using the information provided below.

Thank you for your time and we're looking forward to hearing from you!

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY:

STEP 1: Using any internet browser navigate to: <https://tinyurl.com/SilverLakeSurvey>

STEP 2: Complete the questions until you receive the following message at the conclusion" We thank you for your time spent taking this survey. Your response has been recorded."

STEP 3: Everyone is encouraged to attend the planning sessions for Silver Lake at the Portage City Hall:

- Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 5:30 pm: Informational meeting focusing on Aquatic Plants and Water Quality
- Monday, March 2, 2020 @ 5:30 pm: Informational meeting focusing on Shoreland Management and Fisheries
- Monday, March 30, 2020 @ 5:30 pm: Lake Management Plan and wrap-up

Information on the planning sessions, lake study report and lake management plan can be found on the City of Portage website:

<https://www.portagewi.gov/silver-lake-restoration-ad-hoc-steering-committee/>