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**\*1. To participate in this survey, you must be a resident or have a business within the Municipality of Anchorage. This is determined by your property's zip code (not a P.O. Box). Please select your zip code in order to proceed. If your zip code is not listed, then please exit the survey. And, please only take the survey once. Thank you.**

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**\*2. What are the closest cross streets to your residence? (Your residence must be within the Municipality of Anchorage--from Chugiak to Girdwood).**

**\*3. Do you live in a watershed?**

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

If you answered "yes", what is its name?

**\*4. Do you think the water quality of creeks and streams in Anchorage is generally:**

- Very good
- Somewhat good
- Moderate
- Somewhat poor
- Very poor
- Do not know
- No opinion

Comments:

**5. What do you think is the biggest threat to the water quality of Anchorage lakes and streams?**

**\*6. Sewage from your house flows to the sanitary sewer and then through a wastewater treatment plant.**

- True
- False
- I don't know

**\*7. Sewage from your house flows into an on-site septic system.**

- True
- False
- I don't know

**\*8. Surface water runoff and snowmelt from your neighborhood are treated after they enter a storm drain.**

- True
- False
- I don't know

If you answered "True", please describe how this water is treated.

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### \*9. How much responsibility for water quality of Anchorage waterways does each of the following entities have?

	Very Much	Some	Not Much
Municipality of Anchorage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State of Alaska (e.g. Dept. of Environmental Conservation)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Federal Government (e.g. EPA)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Businesses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools/Universities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anchorage Waterways Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

### \*10. How much responsibility for water quality of Anchorage waterways do residents have?

- Very much                       Some                       Not much

### \*11. Do you own a dog(s)?

- Yes  
 No

If "Yes", how many?

### \*12. If you own a dog or dogs, do you pick up your pet waste at your residence or adjacent area?

- Always  
 Most of the time  
 Sometimes  
 Never  
 I do not own a dog

**\*13. If you own a dog or dogs, do you pick up after your pet when out?**

- Always
- Most of the time
- Sometimes
- Never
- I do not own a dog

Other (please specify)

**\*14. Where and how do you deal with pet waste? (check all)**

- Bag and place in garbage
- Bag and leave along trail
- Compost it
- Bury it
- Scoop-the-Poop service
- Leave it
- I do not own a dog

Other (please specify)

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**\*15. At your residence, do you or a gardening service apply any of the following lawn or garden products? Please check ALL that apply.**

	Conventional	Organic	Both	None	N/A
Fertilizer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weed killers/herbicides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pesticides	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

**\*16. Which of the following statements represent(s) your gardening preferences (you can answer more than one)?**

- I'm not really interested in landscaping.
- I prefer the look of a manicured yard with grass and flowers.
- I prefer a yard with natural/native vegetation.
- I have a vegetable garden, berries, fruit trees, etc.
- Other:

Other (please specify)

**\*17. How do you typically dispose of green waste (lawn clippings, leaves, etc.)? Please answer all that apply.**

- Bag it and put it out with the garbage
- Compost it in the yard
- Mulch onto lawn
- Dispose of it in a wetland area
- Dispose of it into a water body (creek or lake)
- Dispose of it along a creek bank or lake edge
- Dispose of it in a ditch
- Gardener takes it
- Other:

Other (please specify)

**\*18. How do you usually dispose of snow?**

- In your yard
- In the street
- In a waterway or ditch
- Have a plow service and don't know where it goes
- Have a plow service and they push it into my yard
- Other:

Other (please specify)

**\*19. Do you use any chemicals to melt ice in your yard, on walkways, or your driveway?**

- Yes
- No

If yes, do you know what it is?

**20. Do you do ANY of your own vehicle repairs at your residence?**

- I do not own a vehicle.
- Yes
- No
- If "Yes", please describe.

**\*21. Do you wash your vehicle at: (check all that apply)**

- A car wash
- In your driveway
- On the street
- On your lawn
- Do not own a car
- Other:

Other (please specify)

**\*22. How do you usually dispose of materials such as used motor oil, old paint, thinners, or other similar items?**

- Place it in the garage, shed, or outside in the yard
- Place it in the household garbage
- Flush it down the sink or toilet
- Pour it into the street gutter or down a storm drain
- Pour it into a creek or lake
- Pour on soil or in vegetation
- Take to a landfill or waste transfer station
- Recycle at available drop-off sites
- Other:

Other (please specify)



**23. What do you think is the most important action you could take on your property to improve water quality in our local creeks, rivers, or lakes?**

**\*24. Which of the following activities on or near the Municipality's waterways (between Chugiak and Girdwood) do you do? Check all that apply.**

- Walk
- Jog
- Bike
- Roller blade, skate board, or long board
- X-country ski
- Picnic
- Fish
- Ice fish
- Ice skate
- Disc golf
- Bird/nature watch
- Enjoy nature
- Walk a dog
- Skijor
- Ride a horse
- Dog mushing
- Snow machine
- Wade/let your children wade in creeks or lakes
- Swim/let your children swim in creeks or lakes
- Float a creek on an inner tube or air mattress
- Raft
- Canoe
- Kayak
- Clean up trash in a waterway
- Keep a float plane

List places:



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### \*25. Have you heard of any of the following programs or activities and do you participate in them?

	Heard of	Participate in
Spring Clean-up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creek Clean-up	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
"Adopt A" program (highway, road, trail, park, stream)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scoop-the-Poop	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### \*26. Have you heard of the following organizations and/or are you a member of them?

	Heard of	Member of
Anchorage Waterways Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greenstar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alaska Center for the Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ALPAR (Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alaska Conservation Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Great Land Trust	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cook Inletkeeper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Nature Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trout Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ducks Unlimited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**\*27. Which of the following terms are you familiar with and have an understanding of their meaning?**

- Watershed
- Wetlands
- Stormwater runoff
- Water quality standards
- Storm drain
- Storm drainage system
- Stream restoration
- Fecal coliform
- Non-point source pollution
- Macroinvertebrates
- Invasive plants
- Invasive animals
- Low Impact Development (LID)
- Rain gardens
- Pervious pavement
- Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Bioinfiltration
- Stormwater retention
- Green roof
- I have heard of none of these terms.

**\*28. Approximately how many hours annually do you or other family members volunteer in some type of community activity?**

- None
- 0 to 50 hours
- More than 50 hours

**\*29. Do you specifically volunteer or participate in any of the following activities? (Check all that apply.)**

- School activities
- Church activities
- Youth programs
- Service organizations
- Creek clean-up
- Spring clean-up
- "Adopt A" Program (road, trail, park, highway, stream)
- Other:

Other (please specify)

**\*30. Are you interested in hearing more about watersheds? If so, please leave a contact email at the end of this question.**

- Yes
- No

Email

**\*31. Which are your preferred means of receiving information?**

- Direct mail
- Newspaper
- Television
- DVD
- Radio
- Community Council Meeting
- Internet/websites
- Email
- Social media (Facebook, etc.)
- Neighbors
- Homeowner's Association Newsletter
- Conservation Organization Newsletter
- Class or workshop
- Not sure
- Not interested
- Other:

Other (please specify)

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The following questions are for statistical purposes only.

**\* 32. How many people, including children and adults, presently live in your household?**

**\* 33. Of the people presently living in your household, how many are under the age of 18?**

**\* 34. How many years have you lived in Anchorage?**

**\* 35. What type of residence do you live in?**

- Single family
- Multi-family
- Mobile home
- Other:

Other (please specify)

**\* 36. Do you own or rent your residence?**

- Rent
- Own

**\* 37. What is your occupation (including student)?**

**\* 38. What is your age?**

- Under 18
- 18-34
- 35-54
- 55+
- Not reporting

**\*39. What is your education level?**

- Less than HS graduate (0-11)
- HS or GED graduate
- Some college
- 2-year degree
- 4-year degree
- Post-graduate
- Other:

Other (please specify)

**\*40. What is your gender?**

- Female
- Male

**41. If you would like to participate in this same survey again in a few years, please provide your email in the box. These surveys are very valuable in determining changing attitudes over time. Thank you.**



## 9. Page 9 Thank you

Anchorage Waterways Council would like to thank you for taking the time to fill out this very important survey. The results will be used to help us develop outreach and education programs for citizens in order to better understand the impacts of stormwater on our creeks, rivers, and lakes.

We would like to use answers from the same respondents over time. If you would like to participate again in a few years, please leave your contact information (email) below. You can also find more information on Anchorage Waterways Council at [www.anchoragecreeks.org](http://www.anchoragecreeks.org).

Thank you!

### 42. Your email