

## VLA WMO Watershed Management Plan: Technical Commission, Citizen Advisory and Partner Organization Survey Results

February 26, 2024

### Question 1: What is your name?

10 responses

- Gloria Tessier
- Terry Huntrods
- Susan Miller
- Nick Ousky
- Jami Philip
- Michael Grochala
- Andy Nelson
- Celia Shapland
- Ed Shapland
- Dale Reed

### Question 2: What VLA WMO group and/or Partner organization do you represent?

#### Response Themes

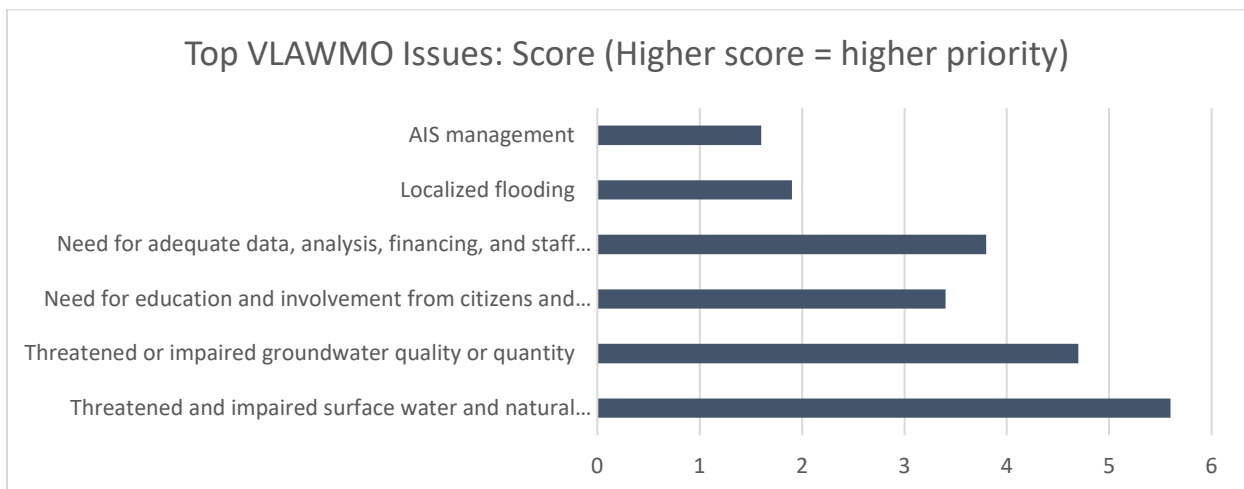
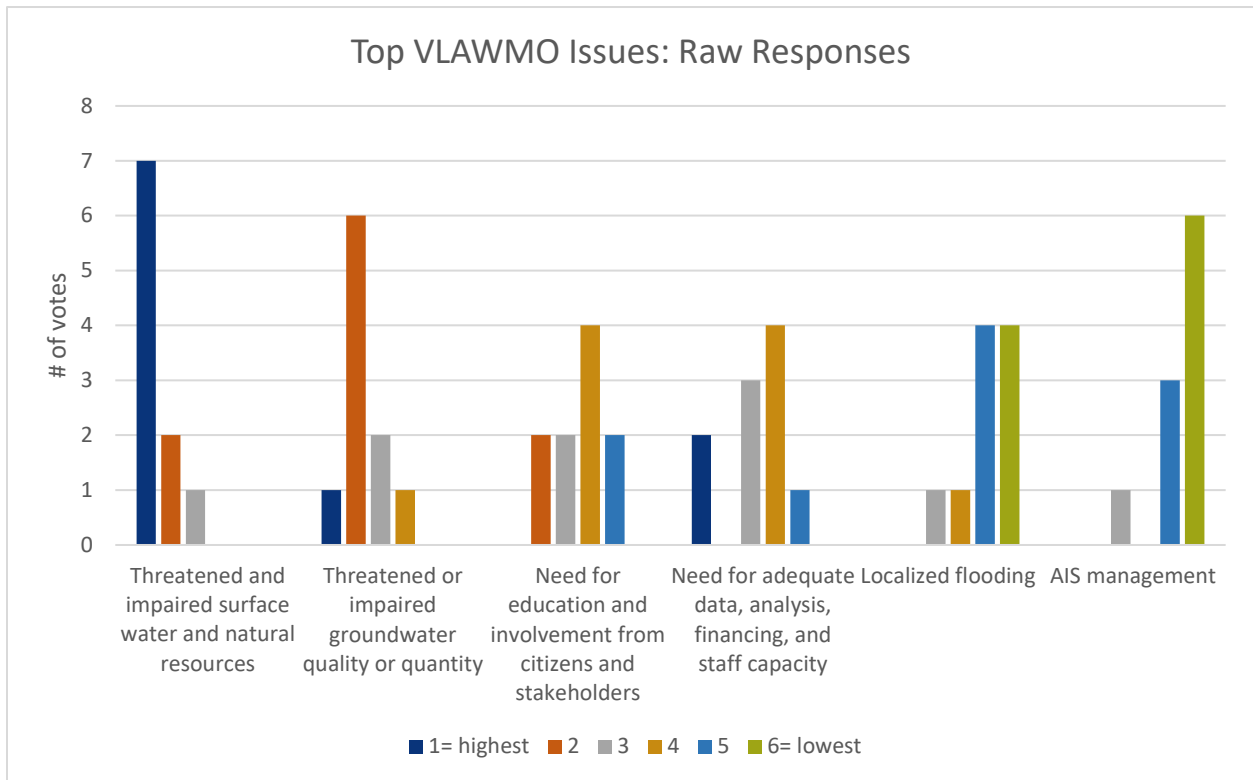
VLA WMO Tech Committee  
Water Steward & Citizen Advisory  
WAV  
White Bear Township  
City of Lino Lakes  
City of North Oaks  
NOHOA NEST

Full responses:

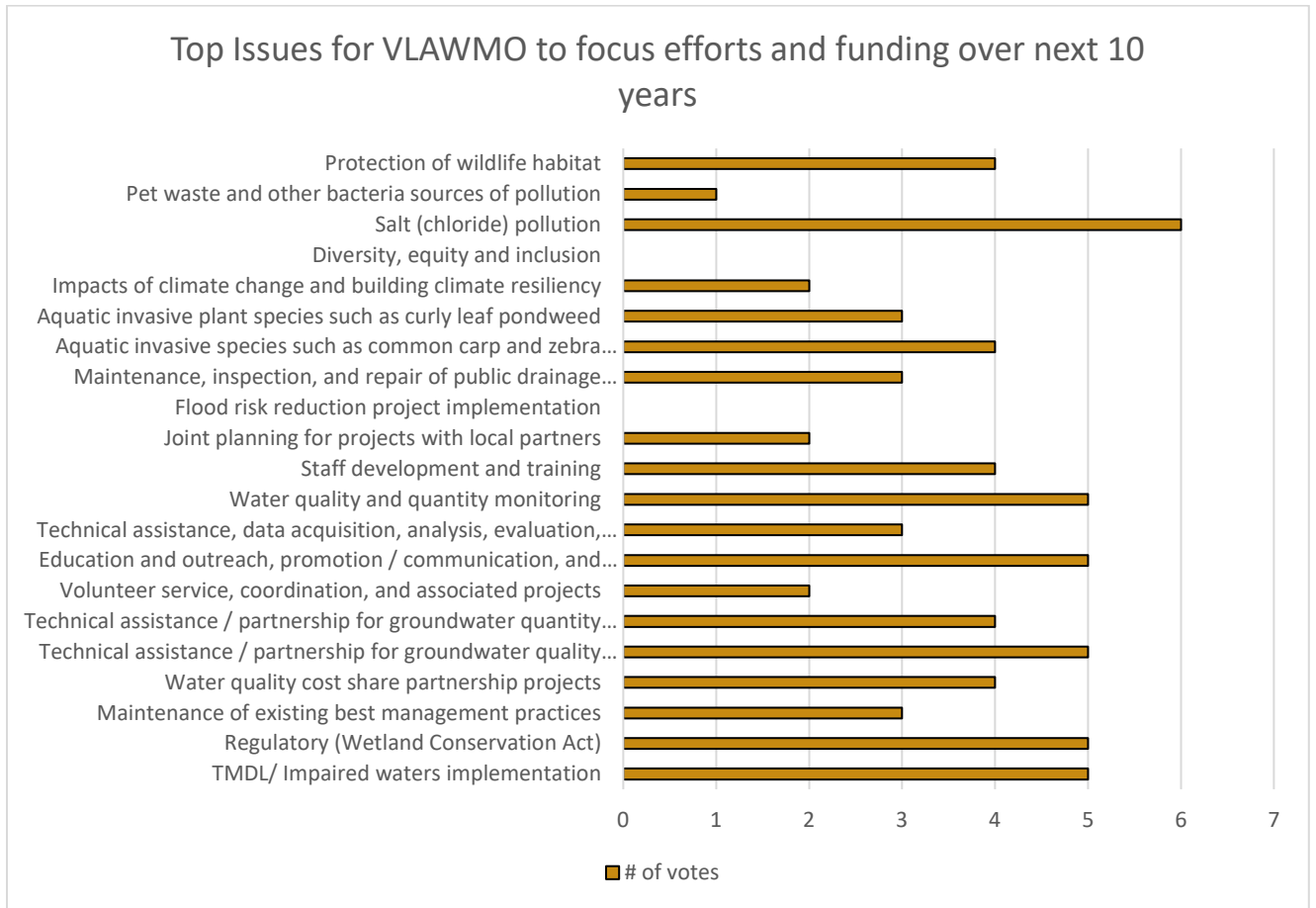
- Chair, Tech committee
- VLA WMO Tec Committee
- City of North Oaks TEC commissioner and NOHOA NEST chairperson
- VLA WMO Tec Panel
- TEC White Bear Township
- Technical Commission

- City of Lino Lakes, VLAMWO TEC
- Water Steward and Citizen Advisory, WAV
- WAV, water steward
- White Bear Township

**Question 3: Over the past decade, VLAWMO staff and partners have made progress and completed capital improvement projects previously identified. Building off these accomplishments, please use the arrows alongside each issue to sort the issues based on what you think should be the focus of VLAWMO efforts and funding over the next 10 years.**



**Question 4: Please select the top 7 issues that you think should be the focus of VLAWMO efforts and funding over the next 10 years.**



**Question 5: Are there issues or opportunities you think are important for VLAWMO to prioritize that have not been considered in this survey?**

### Response Themes

No

Transfer knowledge of what hard data means on the landscape to landowners.

Communicate data to local users.

Share benefits of alternatives.

Cross training.

Team work.

Full responses:

- No
- VLAWMO collects or has access to a lot of hard data on the way local land uses are affecting specific lakes, marshes and water courses. However, I'm not sure that many local residents, property managers or even city officials have a concrete, data driven understanding of how their land use practices affect specific water resources. Where VLAWMO has information on water impairments reasonably related to specific local uses, there should be a way to communicate that information directly to the local users. Most people want to do the right thing, but often don't realize the impact of their land use choices, or appreciate that there are acceptable alternatives.
- NO
- Recommend as much cross training and teamwork (site visits, bmp installs and maintenance, monitoring, etc.) as possible.

**Question 6: Which watershed resources (lakes, rivers, streams, parks, trails) are the most important to you as you think about where VLAWMO should focus efforts to protect and/or restore?**

### Response Themes

Lakes & Streams

Water quality of lakes

Sucker Lake

West Vadnais Lake

East Vadnais Lake

Lambert Wetland

Regional Park

Creeks & Ditches

Smaller tributaries

Wetlands

Full responses:

- Protection of lakes and streams are important.
- Lake water quality
- Sucker, West Vadnais and East Vadnais Lakes, forming the core of a regional park, warrant special focus both because of the high number of local residents that enjoy recreating in this area, but also because of the environmental degradations that accompany high usage.
- Sucker Lake, East Vadnais Lake, and Lambert Wetland
- lakes and streams
- Streams, creeks, ditches, other conveyances. Lakes get a lot of press, the smaller tributaries might reach a different group of people and bring the protections and restorations closer to home.
- Lakes and wetlands
- Lakes and streams
- Lakes

**Question 7: Is there anything else you'd like us to know or consider in the planning process?**

### Response Themes

No

Thanks for your efforts!

Reflect on biggest disappointments as well as accomplishments

Full responses:

- no.
- At the close of a 10 year plan, it's natural to focus on what you're proud of having accomplished. However, it's also instructive to reflect on what your biggest disappointments were; painful, but instructive.
- No.
- No. Thanks for your efforts!