

Appendix E: Miscellaneous Comments from Survey Respondents

- I appreciate your survey. I know central Illinois has had water issues for as long as I can remember so this survey gave me a lot not only think about but look into what is going on with our water. Thank you.
- Although this is a good cause—I do not trust the gov to collect the money & then actually use the money for what it is for.
- Working on a couple soil erosion projects on my land this year, so this was very interesting to me.
- Drinking water stinks and tastes like metal.
- I believe we do need to do whatever is necessary to keep our environment and waterways healthy, realizing there can be an impact to farming procedures. We need to find ways to keep the farms producing quality and wholesome foods and goods the farmers can afford, while at the same time making the environment safe for us, fish and wildlife. If it costs extra in local taxes, as long as that is where the money is spent, it is worth it.
- Algae blooms occurred before Europeans settled North America. How far back in earth’s history are the EPA and Illinois going to achieve 0 blooms?
- We have the nastiest lake ever in the world and it sucks.
- I used to go hiking when I was younger in this area and I have family members that fish in the Sangamon river so I am concerned with these issues.
- I think the cost to provide water to a home in Decatur Illinois is outrageous because I don’t believe it costs that much money in 1 month. I also think they should have a more realistic price instead of \$150+ for 1 month and a family of 4.
- Some consideration needs to be directed to the use of chemicals and fertilizers used excessively by golf courses and homeowners.
- I am concerned about how clean the water is.
- Thank you for caring.
- Save the fish!
- I would be glad to see improvement there. I used to fish everyday throughout the summer. Then for the last year I had to give it up for medical reasons but will be going a lot again starting this spring.
- I work 65 hours a week so I do not get out like I should.
- Thank you for looking into this matter.

- Would any of this help keeping stuff out of the aquifer?
- The water here isn't the greatest, but it's not too bad.
- I do not trust the Government to do anything right or to make sure the money that is collected goes to what it is supposed to be used for—they also have so many rules that we overpay by 1000%.
- I had no idea this was such a problem, but I will be looking into it. Thanks.
- River isn't deep enough to do anything near my house.
- This made me more concerned about the fish species that live in/or are imported into the area. If this were a real scenario, I'd be willing to educate myself further, and see how I could be part of a change.
- I'm more concerned about the Mahomet aquifer....what's up with that?
- Farmers should have to pay for the cleanup of runoff or be forced to use organic farming methods.
- In Decatur, they've been cleaning the lake for the past couple of years. They are working diligently here to improve the water quality.
- I would honestly be willing to pay more for improvements if they weren't that expensive. Your scenarios were \$5 or less per month which seems like a bargain for improvements.
- Thank you for informing me about these issue in my area.
- I have received emails in regard to the “drink-ability” of my water which comes from the Sangamon River. I would like to know more about this.
- Keep the Mohomet aquifer safe.
- The questions were easy to follow.
- I have noticed the water including Sangamon looking very green just in case that was a concern?
- One of the worst areas I can think of is at Crystal Lake Park in Urbana.
- This is a good survey. The water quality is the best I have ever encountered in Central Illinois.
- Most of our recreation is at Clinton lake and Moraine View. Unfortunately, I am not as well versed with Sangamon river issues but I do believe water purity and climate health are very important issues and would vote to for appropriate protections.