

Survey

All questions pertain to **environmental management** in the George Washington Regional Commission area including the **Counties of Caroline, King George, Spotsylvania, and Stafford and the City of Fredericksburg.**

This survey is intended for **local government staff, decision makers, and experts influencing environmental management** in the region. We hope to hear from many **local government representatives from a variety of departments and roles** from each county and the city.

1. To ensure we have good representation, please select the option that best describes your role:

Elected / Appointed Roles

- Board of Supervisors / City Council
- Board of Building Codes Appeals
- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Economic Development Authority
- Parks and Recreation Commission
- Planning Commission
- Transportation Commission
- Public Transit Advisory Board
- Riverfront Task Force
- Tourism Board
- Chesapeake Bay / Wetlands Board
- Other: _____

Staff

- City / County Manager
- Planning, Building, Zoning
- Economic Development, Tourism
- Emergency Management, Fire, Rescue
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Works
- Public Utilities
- Technology / GIS
- Transportation, Transit
- Soil and Water Conservation District
- Non-governmental organization
- Other: _____

Please respond to the remainder of the survey **according to the role you selected.**

2. To ensure we have good representation across the region, please select the **affiliation of your role.** If multiple or none, select your location of residence or select the location you most prefer to visit.

- Caroline County
- King George County
- Spotsylvania County
- Stafford County
- City of Fredericksburg

3. Please rate your **familiarity** with the following topics: (unfamiliar, somewhat familiar, very familiar)

- Species and habitat protection or restoration
- Water quality
- Bacteria impaired water quality
- Air quality/pollution
- Stream bank erosion
- Wild fisheries population dynamics
- Ecotourism
- Public access to waterways

- Renewable energy
 - Sustainable development practices
 - Waterfront development
 - Water and land use conflicts
 - Public policy, stakeholder engagement, and decision-making
4. What **priority** should GWRC's environmental management plan give each of these state goals to address our regional needs? (low, medium, high)
 - Protect and restore resources, habitats, and species
 - Restore and maintain the surface water quality
 - Protect air quality
 - Reduce or prevent streamline erosion
 - Provide for wild fisheries
 - Promote sustainable ecotourism
 - Improve public access to waterways
 - Promote renewable energy production
 - Ensure sustainable development
 - Access for water-dependent development
 - Avoid and minimize use conflicts
 - Promote informed decision-making
 5. What are the top environmental management **opportunities** for the region? What **actions** are needed to address those opportunities?
 6. What are the top environmental management **challenges** for the region? What **actions** are needed to address those challenges?
 7. What are the top 3-5 environmental management topics you would like to see GWRC address in **special projects**?
 8. What can GWRC do to **enable your locality** to have a greater impact on environmental management?
 9. On what environmental management topics can GWRC support your locality **with research, planning, or a forum** for coordination and facilitation? How can GWRC support your locality **by providing educational information, technical advice, or scientific tools**?
 10. If you would like to be invited to strategic plan stakeholder meetings, please provide your email address. If you'd like to provide comments or feedback on the survey, you may enter them here.

Thank you for your support! Your answers will be used to aid the development of a regional, multi-year Coastal Zone Management Strategic Plan for GWRC and its localities. The survey results will be analyzed in spring 2020, and stakeholder meetings will be held in summer 2020. **The report will be finalized by September 30, 2020.** If you have questions regarding the survey, upcoming stakeholder meetings, or the status of the plan, please contact Denise Nelson at Denise@bgllc.net.