

Survey says Residents willing to Adopt Healthy Yard Practices

In April 2007 the Environmental Advisory Committee initiated the Little Neshaminy Survey to assess homeowner's knowledge of the Little Neshaminys' water pollution problems and knowledge on pollution prevention practices. This survey was conducted by door to door canvassing and through a mass mailing to selected neighborhoods. Since this river is listed as an impaired waterway under the Clean Water Act Section 303(d), responses on how homeowners manage their land were very important to the survey. Various gardening techniques such as fertilizer and pesticide applications, invasive species, uncontrolled storm water runoff are the leading contributors to the Little Neshaminy's impairments. According to the survey, most residents are aware of this as less than one percent of those surveyed indicated that they thought the water quality was good. The majority agreed that the health of the Little Neshaminy is deteriorating and 82.6% of respondents agreed that the water quality issues mattered enough to them to do something about it.

Many Warrington residents are willing to adopt water pollution prevention practices. When asking respondents how likely it would be for them to purchase a rain barrel for their yard, 43% of Warrington residents were either likely or very likely to purchase one in the future. In addition, 55% of residents agreed to utilize rain gardens in their yards to prevent storm water runoff and water pollution with prices that sell for under \$120. Interested in our Healthy Yards Program, contact the Environmental Advisory Council @ eac.warrington@gmail.com