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## **Charlevoix Conservation District Resource Needs Assessment Survey for 2017-2022**

1.) Do you live in Charlevoix County?

- a. Yes – I am a year round resident
- b. Yes – I am a seasonal resident
- c. No – But I own land in Charlevoix County
- d. No – But I visit the area often
- e. Other:

2.) Which Township do you reside in or have property in?

Please List Township Name:

3.) Please select **three (3)** natural resources that you value most in Charlevoix County.

- a. Lakes, Rivers, Streams, Watershed
- b. Dunes, Shoreline
- c. State and/or National Forest
- d. Parks, Nature Preserves, Natural Areas
- e. Hunting Land
- f. Agricultural Land
- g. Other (Please Specify):

4.) The Charlevoix Conservation District's mission is to promote conservation, stewardship and sustainable use of the natural resources in Charlevoix County through landowner assistance and education. Some of the ways we do this is through our MAEAP program, American Beachgrass Nursery, Hunting Access Program, Spring Tree Sale, Partnerships with local and state conservation groups, and Community Outreach Programs. How effective do you feel Charlevoix CD has been at fulfilling its mission?

- a. Very Effective
- b. Effective

- c. Somewhat Effective
- d. Minimally Effective
- e. I'm not very familiar with Conservation Districts - *(When you have a moment, please visit [www.macd.org](http://www.macd.org) & our website: [www.charlevoixcd.org](http://www.charlevoixcd.org))*

5.) Which source do you use to keep informed about news and information relating to natural resource issues in Charlevoix County? **Please limit to one most used source.**

- a. Petoskey News Review
- b. Charlevoix Courier
- c. Facebook & Facebook Special Community Pages
- d. Member of an organization
- e. Word of Mouth

6.) Please rate the following natural resource issues that you think are of concern in Charlevoix County and should be made a priority in the next five years.

**Rate each issue as: High (5), Medium High(4), Medium (3), Low (2), No Opinion (1)**

- a. Farmland Preservation:
- b. Agricultural Management (nutrient, pesticide, waste):
- c. Shoreline Preservation & Restoration:
- d. Wildlife and Habitat:
- e. Water Quality (Ground/Surface, Contamination/Stormwater):
- f. Climate Change (carbon footprint, energy use, deforestation):
- g. Soil Erosion and Sedimentation:
- h. Recycling Program:
- i. Community Outreach (Conservation Education for youth/adult):
- j. Air Quality (industrial/vehicular emissions, ozone):

7.) Charlevoix Conservation District's current grant projects focus on:

- 1.) groundwater and surface water quality
- 2.) agricultural conservation practice
- 3.) invasive species
- 4.) wildlife habitat
- 5.) education and outreach
- 6.) DNR Hunting Access Program (focus: local economy, wildlife & habitat health)

**Please provide any details on areas you'd like to see the District focus on in the next five years and describe ways that Charlevoix Conservation District might address the concerns: (Ex: Continue working on 1-6, primarily Farmland Preservation, or None, etc.)**

- 8.) With the Charlevoix County Recycling Program no longer a joint effort with the County, our District is now looking to expand our Community Outreach efforts to increase visibility, long term sustainability and environmental literacy. If we pursue the expansion of our existing building to increase conservation programs, workshops and presentations for youth and adults, would you support it? *(ie: This multi-purpose work room would be utilized by our district staff to expand our offerings, including increasing joint programs/projects with partner groups. The room would also be available for other local small non-profits & service groups to use.)*
- a. Yes, I would support it financially through membership donations, matching grant efforts, a capital campaign, or millage.
  - b. Yes, I would support it by attending programs/workshops, but not monetarily.
  - c. Unsure
  - d. No, I do not think Charlevoix County needs an education facility and would not support it.
  - e. Other:
- 9.) How interested would you be in attending field trips, informational workshops or presentations on the following topics? **Please rate each topic as: Very interested (3), Somewhat interested (2), Not interested (1)**
- a. Attracting Backyard Wildlife (Pollinators, etc) -
  - b. Amphibians & Reptiles -
  - c. Mammals -
  - d. Wildflowers -
  - e. Trees -
  - f. Wetlands & Watershed -
  - g. Landowner Management (Forest, Soil, Hunting, Sustainability) -
  - h. Invasive Species Management -
  - i. Farm (Pollution, risk reduction) -
  - j. Locally grown/Farm to table Events -
  - k. Pollinator Information -
  - l. Hunting Access Program -
  - m. Guided Hiking& Recreational Activities -
  - n. General Local Ecology Workshops -
  - o. Nature Programs for Children -
- 10.) Do you have any suggestions as to how Charlevoix Conservation District can better serve the people and natural resources of Charlevoix County in the next five years? Are you willing to volunteer or offer in kind services to assist our efforts? **If so, please specify those ways below.**

***Thank you for your time and support!***