

Gogebic Conservation District Natural Resources Assessment Survey

Every 5 years, our Conservation District completes a Natural Resource Assessment in order to meet and serve the natural resource needs of our county and its residents. The District is seeking public feedback to help complete this process. Please answer the following questions.

1. What Gogebic County Township is your primary residence within?

- Bessemer Watersmeet Ironwood Marenisco Wakefield Erwin

2. How long have you lived in Gogebic County?

- Less than 1 year 1-5 years 6-10 years More than 10 years

3. How much property do you own in Gogebic County?

- None/Rent 1 acre or less 2-10 acres 11-40 acres Over 40 acres

4. How would you describe the setting in which you live or own property?

- Urban (City or Town) Rural Residential (Lots of about 3-5 acres)
 Hobby Farm Farm (produce livestock or crops for sale)
 Waterfront property Rural (non-farm acreage, camp, forested land over 10 acres)

5. What sources do you use to keep informed about news and information concerning natural resources issues in Gogebic County? Select all that apply.

- Local Newspaper Meetings of local government
 Word of Mouth Local Cable TV
 Internet Member of a habitat/farming organization
 Radio Other:

6. Please rank the Top 3 Land Use issues that you think will be of concern over the next 5 years in Gogebic County. (1=Greatest Concern)

- ___ Loss of farmland to development ___ Abandonment of agricultural lands
___ Natural areas & open space Preservation ___ Revitalization of urban downtown areas
___ Increasing impervious (paved) surfaces ___ Adequate land use planning by local government
___ Other:

7. Please rank the Top 3 Soil and Water Quality issues that you think will be of concern over the next 5 years in Gogebic County (1=Greatest Concern)

- ___ Non-Point source soil erosion & sedimentation ___ Wetland degradation and /or conversion
___ Residential fertilizer/pesticide management ___ Aquatic invasive species
___ Recreational impacts (jet skis, ORVs, etc.) ___ Dam safety
___ Groundwater supply protection ___ Potential mine development
___ Storm water management ___ Failed septic systems
___ Other:

8. Please rank the Top 3 Wildlife & Habitat issues that you think will be of concern over the next 5 years in Gogebic County (1=Greatest)

- ___ Degradation of wildlife habitat ___ Development & fragmentation of habitat
___ Declining wildlife populations ___ Invasive plant species impacts
___ Wildlife damage to landscapes, crops, native plants ___ Cold water fishery degradation/stream connectivity
___ Recreation uses (ORVS, bikes, speedboats) ___ Restoration and management of wetlands
___ Fish population management ___ Preservation of connected natural species
___ Other:

9. Please rank the Top 3 Forest Management issues that you think will be of concern over the next 5 years in Gogebic County (1=Greatest)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of management on private lands | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of management on public lands |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of forest management planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Poor current management practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impacts from invasive species | <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of private landowner forestry knowledge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poor timber markets | <input type="checkbox"/> Distance from forest product industries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife damage to native plant species | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest succession into older forest types |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

10. Please indicate your recycling habits.

I recycle the following regularly (Please check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> #1 Plastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Tires | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> #2 Plastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Steel | <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glass | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum | <input type="checkbox"/> Compact fluorescent light bulbs | |

I recycle occasionally or only items for which I receive cash back.

I don't recycle because:

Changes or improvements you would suggest for local recycling efforts:

11. How do you utilize natural resources for recreation or other purposes? Please select from the ones listed below. Select all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting/Trapping | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking/Running/Walking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farming | <input type="checkbox"/> Home gardening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backyard orchard | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird or wildlife watching |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depend on well water for drinking supply | <input type="checkbox"/> Depend on well water for irrigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Boating, kayaking, canoeing, jet skiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snow skiing/ boarding/cross-country | <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobiling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ORV riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lakefront property owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Timber or firewood harvest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy source (wind, water, biofuel) | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvest of edible wild foods (berries, mushrooms, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Relaxation/social interaction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

12. What do you feel are the most important conservation practices or services offered that the Gogebic Conservation District should focus on in the next 5 years?

13. Do you have any additional comments or concerns that you would like to share with us?