

# 2019 EMMET CONSERVATION DISTRICT Resource Assessment Survey

Dear Emmet County Residents and Landowners, Visitors, and Friends:

The Emmet Conservation District (ECD) is currently working on a Natural Resource Assessment and is requesting your feedback via this survey. This endeavor takes place every 5 years and seeks public, business, organizations, and agency feedback to help the ECD determine local natural resource needs and determine how the ECD can provide the best services to residents and visitors to Emmet County. Your identity will be kept strictly confidential.

***To be entered into a drawing (optional) for a **\$50 Gift Card** for the ECD Spring 2019 Tree Sale, please include your name and contact information and drop off/return to the ECD Office by mail or email by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. To download a copy of the survey, please visit: [www.emmetcd.org](http://www.emmetcd.org).***

Name and Phone or E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

***\*PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SURVEY BY FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019***

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**Emmet Conservation District Board of Directors: Chairman Marcus Kurburski, Vice-Chair Dirk Shorter, Treasurer Lucy Blythe, Community Liaison Kevin Hammond, Director Dr. William Meengs; Associate Directors Nancy Salar and Dr. Russel LaBeau**

***Thank you for participating!! We really appreciate your support and feedback!***

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**1. What is your five digit zip code (please note/list if multiple)?** \_\_\_\_\_

**2. How long have you lived/owned property in Emmet County?** \_\_\_\_\_

**3. How much property (approx. acres) do you own in Emmet County?** \_\_\_\_\_

**4. How would you describe your home/property?**  City/Village  Rural  Residential  
 Farm  Seasonal-Recreational-Camp  Timber-Forested  Lake/River Frontage   
Vacant-Investment  Other

**5. Please check the one category which best applies to you:**  Homeowner  Business Owner  Government Official  Builder-Developer  Farmer  Student  Resource Professional  Other/None of the Above \_\_\_\_\_

**6. In your daily life, how would you describe your involvement with natural resources:**  Very involved  Somewhat involved  Not very involved

**7. How would you describe your feelings about natural resource issues:**  Very concerned  Somewhat concerned  Not very concerned

**8. What sources do you use to keep informed about news and information concerning natural resources in Emmet County? (You may select multiple options.)**  Newspaper  Online (websites/social media)  Word of mouth or local postings  Radio  Farm Organization  Sportmen's Organizations  Television  Local Meetings  Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Please SELECT and RANK (H=HIGH, M=MEDIUM, or L=LOW) the following Land Use issues that you think will be of concern over the next five years in Emmet County:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of farmland                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of recreation opportunities               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban sprawl-development                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Local food production/small farm opportunities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spread of invasive species                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater infrastructure/management           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of natural areas                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Dune preservation                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overuse/poor use of natural or recreation areas | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest management                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local regulations                               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local planning/zoning for growth                |   |

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Please SELECT and RANK (H=HIGH, M=MEDIUM, or L=LOW) the following Water-related issues that you think will be of concern over the next five years in Emmet County (please select all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil erosion and sedimentation | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential fertilizer/pesticide use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive species               | <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater overuse                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss/degradation of wetlands   | <input type="checkbox"/> Stormwater management                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Groundwater contamination      | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline development                |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline armoring/hardening         |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Algal blooms                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic herbicide/pesticide use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lake, river, and stream health       | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish quality                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water quality                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish quantity                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture fertilizer/pesticide use | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational/public access      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface water degradation/pollution  | <input type="checkbox"/> Dam removal                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of recreational waters    | <input type="checkbox"/> Road/stream crossings           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture cropland drainage        | <input type="checkbox"/> Flooding issues                 |
| protection/management   | <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of shoreline/erosion       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____        |  |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Please SELECT and RANK (H=HIGH, M=MEDIUM, or L=LOW) the following Wildlife and Habitat issues that you think will be of concern over the next five years in Emmet County (please select all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Destruction of wildlife habitat      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland restoration and management    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban sprawl                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive plants                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat restoration and management   | <input type="checkbox"/> Invasive insects and other animals    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of public hunting access        | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife health/disease               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife damage to property or crops | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest habitat quality                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loss of native pollinators           | <input type="checkbox"/> Upland game bird availability         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat fragmentation                | <input type="checkbox"/> Bird/songbird habitat/populations     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland preservation                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Monarch butterfly habitat/populations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open dumps/Illegal dumping           |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____        |  |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

**12. What conservation practices or activities do you currently practice on your land or in your home?**

**13. Please check all the ways in which you utilize natural resources for work, home, or recreational purposes:**

- Hunting  Fishing  ORV/Snowmobiling  Wood for heating  Bird/wildlife watching  Farming  Orchard  Horseback riding  Hiking/Biking  Sailing/canoeing/kayaking  Timber production  Swimming  Well for Water  Gardening  Wind/Solar Energy  Other (please specify):

**14. Which of the following programs and services provided by the Conservation District are you aware of:**

- Spring Tree Sale
- Habitat/Forestry/Wildlife Site Visits
- MAEAP services
- Workshops
- Invasive Species Workshops
- Fall Tree Sale
- Invasive Species Site Visits
- Invasive Species Control
- Invasive Species Volunteering
- ECD Website
- ECD Facebook Page
- Native Plant Sale
- Presentations
- Other (please specify):

**15. Which of the above programs and/or services have you participated in?**

**16. What services and programs do you feel ECD should focus on in the next five years?**

**17. What additional programs, services, or activities should the ECD add to help you, your land, and community?**

**18. Since the ECD has received no state operations funding since 2008, we rely on county allocations, grant funding, tree sales, and donations to carry out our mission, assist the public, and bring resource funding to our area. This means our ability to assist residents and maintain staff and services is dependent on outside factors. Would you support a millage to assist with the operations of the ECD to allow us to continue to provide services?**

- Yes
- Depends on amount
- No

Additional comments:

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**19. Please provide any additional comments or resource concerns not addressed in this survey:**

***Thank you for your input and for helping conserve our natural resources!***