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 25th, 2019. To download a copy of the survey, please visit: www.emmetcd.org.

Name and Phone or E-mail: ________________________________

*PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SURVEY BY FEBRUARY 25TH, 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!

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:
   ___Loss of farmland
   ___Urban sprawl-development
   ___Spread of invasive species
   ___Preservation of natural areas
   ___Overuse/poor use of natural or recreation areas
   ___Local regulations
   ___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):
    ___Soil erosion and sedimentation
    ___Invasive species
    ___Loss/degradation of wetlands
    ___Groundwater contamination
    ___Residential fertilizer/pesticide use
    ___Groundwater overuse
    ___Stormwater management
    ___Shoreline development
    ___Shoreline armoring/hardening
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):

___ Destruction of wildlife habitat  ___ Wetland restoration and management
___ Urban sprawl  ___ Invasive plants
___ Habitat restoration and management  ___ Invasive insects and other animals
___ Loss of public hunting access  ___ Wildlife health/disease
___ Climate change  ___ Forestry
___ Wildlife damage to property or crops  ___ Forest habitat quality
___ Loss of native pollinators  ___ Upland game bird availability
___ Habitat fragmentation  ___ Bird/songbird habitat/populations
___ Wetland preservation  ___ Monarch butterfly habitat/populations
___ Open dumps/Illegal dumping
___ 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:

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!