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Lower Mahoning Creek Watershed Conservation Plan  
246 South Walnut Street  
Blairsville, PA 15717

# Residents & Visitors

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\* Please use the following scale for the next three questions, each number can be used more than once.

- 5 = Very Important
- 4 = Somewhat Important
- 3 = Neutral
- 2 = Not very Important
- 1 = Not Important

3. Please indicate the importance of the following watershed values.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attractive Natural Settings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Community Activities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Educational Opportunities
- \_\_\_\_\_ New Business/Jobs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preserving History/Culture
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation Opportunities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Residential Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water Quality
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please indicate the importance of the following recreational activities in the region.

- \_\_\_\_\_ ATV Riding
- \_\_\_\_\_ Biking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bird/Wildlife Watching
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boating
- \_\_\_\_\_ Canoeing/Kayaking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fishing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hiking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Horseback Riding
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Organized Sports
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photography
- \_\_\_\_\_ Picnicking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Snowmobiles
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swimming
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visiting Public Parks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visiting Public Vistas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Please indicate the importance of addressing the following issues in this plan.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Preserving Agricultural Lands
- \_\_\_\_\_ ATV/Snowmobile Conflicts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Providing ATV/Snowmobile Recreation Facilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Infrastructure (roads, water/sewage, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Economic Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Erosion & Sedimentation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flooding
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improving Forestry Techniques
- \_\_\_\_\_ Historical & Cultural Heritage
- \_\_\_\_\_ Illegal Dumping & Litter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Invasive Species
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mine Drainage/Mine Lands
- \_\_\_\_\_ Storm Water Runoff
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tourism
- \_\_\_\_\_ Waste Sites/Hazardous Spills
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water Quality
- \_\_\_\_\_ Water Quantity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wildlife/Fisheries Habitats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

6. What are the top 3 services/amenities that are lacking within the region? (i.e. restaurants, public restrooms, gas stations, emergency services, etc.)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

7. Other comments or concerns.

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for completing this survey.***

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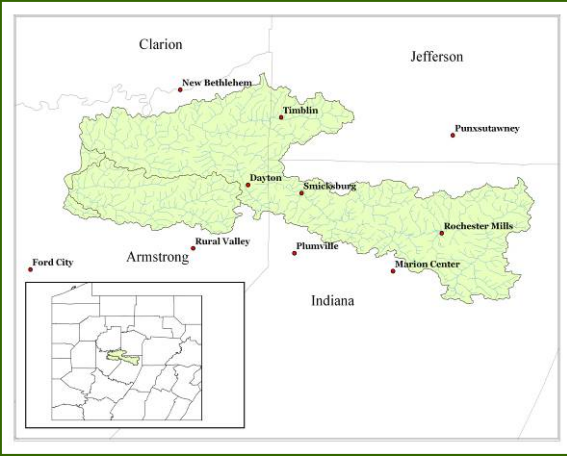


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You Could Win!***

*Prize package includes donated items from local project partners*

*The goal of the Lower Mahoning Creek Regional Watershed Conservation Plan is to actively engage the public to address issues related to natural resources, socio-economics, recreation and culture; to encourage proper stewardship of land, water, and community resources; and to improve the quality of life throughout the region.*

# Lower Mahoning Creek Watershed



## What is a watershed?

An area of land, where water landing within a boundary outlined by ridges and higher elevations will drain to a particular point or stream.

## What is the purpose of the survey?

To understand the views and opinions of residents and visitors of the Mahoning region regarding natural and community resources, which will provide a basis for making management recommendations.

## What is a watershed conservation plan?

A non-regulatory document guided by public input that provides information on natural and community resources, in order to develop management recommendations to improve those resources through public involvement. Topic areas include: natural resources, socio-economics, recreation, and culture.

## How is this project funded and managed?

This project was funded, in part, by a grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program of the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Western Pennsylvania Conservancy facilitates local involvement to develop the plan. Local project partners include: Little Mahoning Watershed Association, Pine Creek Sportsmen Club, Ken Sink Trout Unlimited, Marion Center School District, Armstrong Tourist Bureau, county conservation districts, planning departments, and municipalities, PA Department of Environmental Protection and Game Commission.

# Residents

Only individuals with **permanent residence** within the project area (see map on left)

## 1. In what county and municipality do you reside?

County \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Near what part of the Lower Mahoning region do you reside?

- ◇ Mahoning Creek
- ◇ Little Mahoning Creek
- ◇ Pine Creek
- ◇ Don't Know
- ◇ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. How long have you lived in the area?

- ◇ Less than 1 year
- ◇ 1-10 years
- ◇ 11-20 years
- ◇ 21-30 years
- ◇ 31-40 years
- ◇ 41-50 years
- ◇ 51-60 years
- ◇ 60+ years

## 4. How far do you travel to work?

- ◇ Less than 1 mile
- ◇ 1-15 miles
- ◇ 16-30 miles
- ◇ 31-45 miles
- ◇ 46-60 miles
- ◇ N/A
- ◇ Farther \_\_\_\_\_

Please continue with "Residents & Visitors" at far right



# Visitors

Please Mark One

## 1. Do you own property in the Mahoning region?

- ◇ Yes
- ◇ No

## 2. How far did you travel to visit?

- ◇ Less than 1 mile
- ◇ 1-30 miles
- ◇ 31-60 miles
- ◇ 61-90 miles
- ◇ 91-120 miles
- ◇ 121-150 miles
- ◇ 151-180 miles
- ◇ Farther \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. How long did you stay on this trip?

- ◇ Less than one day
- ◇ 1-2 days
- ◇ 3-4 days
- ◇ 5-6 days
- ◇ One week
- ◇ A week and a half
- ◇ Two weeks
- ◇ Longer \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Approximately how much money did you spend?

- ◇ Less than 100 dollars
- ◇ 100-500 dollars
- ◇ 500-1,000 dollars
- ◇ 1,000-2,000 dollars
- ◇ 2,000-3,000 dollars
- ◇ 3,000-5,000 dollars
- ◇ 5,000+ dollars

## 5. What were your two biggest expenses?

- ◇ Travel/Gas
- ◇ Food/Lodging
- ◇ Recreation/Supplies
- ◇ Souvenirs
- ◇ Others \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. What was your reason for visiting?

- ◇ Business
- ◇ Family/Friends
- ◇ Passing through
- ◇ Recreation/Vacation
- ◇ Visiting
- ◇ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. How often do you visit?

- ◇ First time
- ◇ Seasonal
- ◇ Yearly
- ◇ Occasionally (every 2-5 years)
- ◇ Every 5+ years

## 8. Do you plan to return to this area?

- ◇ Yes
- ◇ No

# Demographics

(Optional)

## 1. What is your gender?

- ◇ Male
- ◇ Female

## 2. What is your age?

- ◇ 17 & under
- ◇ 18-25
- ◇ 26-45
- ◇ 46-65
- ◇ 66 & up

# Residents & Visitors

## 1. What do you think are the two most important land uses in the Mahoning region?

- ◇ Agricultural
- ◇ Commercial
- ◇ Forested
- ◇ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ Industrial
- ◇ Recreation
- ◇ Residential

## 2. Where did you obtain this survey?

- ◇ Business/Restaurant
- ◇ Event \_\_\_\_\_
- ◇ State park/state forest
- ◇ Watershed group
- ◇ Website
- ◇ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please continue with "Residents & Visitors" on reverse

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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