



Arenac Conservation District Conservation Recourse Needs Assessment 2021-22
"Better Communities Through Strong Conservation"

Introduction:

This survey has been created by the Arenac Conservation District (ACD) to conduct a Conservation Needs Assessment. The survey consists of a set of questions to gather essential resource information from district residents that will provide consistent data across the State. The data will be compiled into a single master report at the state level. Our survey results for Arenac County will be posted on our website at www.arenacconservationdistrict.com

Conservation Needs Assessment Survey for Arenac County:

The Arenac Conservation Districts Mission is to bring together communities through education and conservation to enhance our natural resources for future generations.

Every five years the Arenac Conservation District looks for feedback about natural resources and conservation in our county. This survey helps us prioritize resources for the most important needs identified by our residents, helping us to promote and implement voluntary conservation.

This survey can be completed online at www.arenacconservationdistrict.com, use this fillable form or print paper copy if you would like a paper copy mailed to you please contact the Arenac Conservation District at 989.846.4565 ext. 5. Completed surveys can be emailed to dawn.hergott@mi.nacdnet.net, mailed or dropped off at the Arenac Conservation District office at 4490 W. M-61 Standish, Mi. 48658.

All responses will be kept anonymous. Please complete surveys by March 1, 2022.

Thank you for your valued input into our county needs!

By leaving your contact information you will be entered into a drawing for a 5 ft. fruit tree.

Winners will be contacted via email. Email _____.
These next few questions are voluntary and are designed to help the Arenac Conservation District ensure diverse representation in the community.

1. Do you have a disability? _____
2. What is your nationality of origin? _____
3. What is your ethnicity? _____
4. What is your sex? _____
5. What is your age range? _____

These next questions are designed to help us set the priorities for the Arenac Conservation District.

6. How do you live, work, or play in Arenac County? (Check all that apply.)

- Agricultural landowner
- Homeowner (permanent resident)
- Property owner (no home)
- Renter of home and / or property
- Vacation home or 2nd homeowner
- Vacation / visitor

7. Which natural areas do you utilize in Arenac County? (Check all that apply.)

- Agricultural Lands
- Beaches
- Dunes
- Forests
- Hiking / biking trails
- Lakes (inland / Great Lakes)
- Parks
- Public hunting areas
- Rivers / streams
- Your own backyard / property
- Do not use natural areas in the county
- Other (please explain): _____

8. Rank the land / water resources within Arenac County based on the importance to the community with #1 being the most important resource:

- Agriculture / farmland
- Forests / woodlands
- Non-farmed lands (backyards, prairies, meadows, open lands)
- Water (drinking water, lakes, rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands)
- Other (please explain): _____

9. Check the top three water quality (drinking water, lakes, streams, ponds, wetlands) priorities we should focus on in the next 5 years:

- City / Village stormwater runoff
- Drinking water / groundwater
- Farmland water runoff
- Invasive species
- Lakes / ponds
- Rivers / streams
- Septic systems
- Wetlands
- Other (please explain): _____

10. Check the top three forests / woodland priorities we should focus on in the next 5 years:

- Invasive species
- Loss due to housing, business, and farmland development
- Sustainable forest management
- Plant and wildlife habitat
- Recreation / hunting access
- Other (*please explain*): _____

11. Check the top three agriculture / farmland priorities we should focus on in the next 5 years:

- Animal manure (best practices)
- Farm chemicals / fertilizers (proper use and disposal)
- Farmland preservation
- Pollinator / wildlife habitat
- Soil erosion / soil loss
- Water quality / runoff
- Water use / irrigation
- Other (*please explain*): _____

12. Check the top three non-farmed lands (backyards, prairies, meadows, open lands) priorities we should focus on in the next 5 years:

- Invasive species
- Non-farmed land loss due to housing, business, and farmland development
- Pollinator populations
- Recreational / hunting access
- Wetlands
- Wildlife habitat
- Other (*please explain*): _____

13. Check the top three quality of life / human behavior priorities we should focus on in the next 5 years:

- Agriculture tourism
- Household chemicals (proper use and disposal)
- Invasive species / native plants
- Lawn and garden
- Land recreation (biking, hiking, hunting, etc.)
- Parks and open spaces
- Recycling / proper garbage disposal
- Septic systems
- Water recreation (boating, fishing, paddling, etc.)
- Water runoff (rain barrels, rain gardens)
- Other (*please explain*): _____

14. The Arenac Conservation District provides the following programs and services. Which are you aware of and / or have participated in? *(check all that apply.)*

- Farm equipment rentals (no-till drill, seeders)
- Forestry Assistance Program
- Invasive species education
- Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP)
- Recycling & waste management
- Tree seedling and native plant sales
- Wildlife / habitat planning

15. What additional actions, programs, and services would you like the Arenac Conservation District to add to help you, your land, and the community?

16. What is the 5-digit zip code of your home / residence or main property within Arenac County?

- 48658 Standish
- 48659 Sterling
- 48610 Alger
- 48765 Turner
- 48766 Twining
- 48703 Au Gres
- 48749 Omer

17. Select the setting that best describes your home / property in Arenac County: *(Check all that apply.)*

- Urban - Residential (city, village, town)
- Rural - Farm
- Rural - Residential
- Lakeshore / waterfront

18. How do you prefer to receive information on programs and services available through the Conservation District? *(Check all that apply.)*

- Electronic newsletter
- Email
- Facebook
- Instagram
- Newspapers
- Twitter
- Pinterest
- Postal mail
- Website

19. Any additional comments: _____

20. Would you like to receive emails from the Arenac Conservation District about the results of the survey, events, and programs? Yes / No

Please clearly print your name and email address if you would like further correspondence:

Name: _____ Email: _____