

Franklin County Landowner Your Opinion Counts

This survey was sent to our cooperators but might not be used as is at the meeting

The Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District is requesting your assistance in completing this Natural Resources Issues Survey for Franklin County. Information from this survey will be used to evaluate current land uses, identify natural resource concerns, prioritize areas that require cooperative efforts to solve, and to obtain funding for cost-share programs.

The more information that we can gather concerning Franklin County, the better our chances to bring funding into this county. This information will be the foundation on which both our long range and yearly plans and programs will be based. We want to hear your thoughts and recommendations for what you perceive to be the natural resource problems in our area of the state. Also, please give us your input on how we can cooperatively work together to provide solutions.

It is important that you complete and return this survey within one week of receipt. The information gathered in this survey will be our justification to obtain conservation cost-share funds in Franklin County over the next 5 years.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please make sure your name and address is somewhere on the survey or envelope so that we do not accidentally call you if we make follow-up on unreturned surveys.

Please mail or drop off the survey to the District Office at 107 Park Street in Farmington or fax to 778-5785. If you have any questions please contact either Paul Hersey at 778-4767 ext. 105 or Rosetta Thompson at 778-4279.

Organizations, Associations, Boards, etc. that need more time to complete this survey should call the District Office to give us a time frame for when your survey can be expected. Thank you.

Natural Resource Issues Survey for Franklin County

107 Park Street Farmington Maine 04938 (fax: 778-5785)

Name:(optional) _____ Town of Residence: _____

Type of Landowner (Please check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy | <input type="checkbox"/> Beef | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse (6 or less) | <input type="checkbox"/> Horse (more than 6) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swine | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep/Goat | <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Garden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit/Vegetable | <input type="checkbox"/> Row Crop | <input type="checkbox"/> Lama | <input type="checkbox"/> Stocked Fish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> 5-10 Acres | <input type="checkbox"/> 11-50 Acres |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchard | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay | <input type="checkbox"/> 50-100 Acres | <input type="checkbox"/> over 100 Acres |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

Please prioritize the following list of waterbodies/watersheds in Franklin County that in your opinion should we should be working with as funds allow by numbering them 1,2, 3, etc? Androscoggin River, Beaver Mtn Lake (Long Pond),Carrabassett River, Clearwater Lake, Crystal Lake, Cupsuptic Lake,Dodge Pond, Gull Pond, Haley Pond, Locke Pond, Loon Lake, Dodge Pond, Mooselookmeguntic Lake, Parker Pond,Pease Pond, Porter Lake, Quimby Pond, Rangeley Lake, Saddleback Lake, Sand Pond, Sandy River, Varnum Pond, Wilson Pond, Webb Lake, _____.

In your opinion, what are the *most important* natural resource issues/areas facing your community in the next 5 years.
Rank 1-5, with 1 being the least important and 5 being the most important.

| Area of Concern | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Area of Concern | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| Air quality | | | | | | Fisheries management | | | | | |
| Agricultural land conservation | | | | | | Agricultural sustainability | | | | | |
| Agricultural productivity | | | | | | Storm water management | | | | | |
| Animal waste/nutrient management | | | | | | Forestry management | | | | | |
| Grazing lands/pasture management | | | | | | Irrigation/water management | | | | | |
| Conservation buffers | | | | | | Pesticide management | | | | | |
| Water quality | | | | | | Soil erosion | | | | | |
| Wetlands | | | | | | Soil management | | | | | |
| Threatened & endangered species | | | | | | Wildlife management | | | | | |
| Carcass disposal | | | | | | Other (Specify) | | | | | |
| Other (Specify) | | | | | | Other (Specify) | | | | | |

Please number, in order, the most important products, programs or services that the District can provide.

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| Manure management & storage | | LakeSmart Awards Program (free evaluations) | |
| Forestry programs | | Engineering services | |
| Erosion & sediment control planning | | Cost-share programs | |
| Municipal assistance | | Assistance to Watershed & Lake Associations | |
| Resource inventories/assessments | | Resource maps (soils, wetlands, topo, aerial, flood insurance, etc.) | |
| Workshops, training sessions [Conservation Expo, Front Runner Training] | | Workshops/training sessions (camp roads, roadside, forestry, gravel roads, nutrient management, contractor re-certification, etc.) | |
| Wetland restoration | | Educational Programs (Envirothon/ Mock Envirothon, Agricultural Environmental Day at the Fair, Conservation Field Day, Conservation Poster Contest, etc.) | |
| Wetland wildlife management | | | |
| Conservation planning | | Renewable energy research & development | |
| Shrub & Tree Program | | Locally grown & distributed food and/or food safety | |
| Trout Restocking Program | | Other (specify) | |

Education outreach is one of our most important program areas, please help us prioritize by numbering (ranking) 1 - 5.

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
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| Conservation Programs for Lake Associations, Municipalities, Road crews, etc | | | | | |
| Agricultural Conservation Programs | | | | | |
| Youth Programs | | | | | |
| Training sessions (Expo with over 30 sessions, Gravel road- Front Runner) | | | | | |
| Other (specify) | | | | | |

Would you be interested in attending District hosted conservation tours? Yes No

What activities/areas would you like to see on a tour (erosion control, forestry BMPs, municipal projects, agricultural projects, etc).