Northeastern Ohio Woodland Owner Survey:

Conservation partners are developing an area-wide, voluntary woodland management plan to benefit woodland owners in northwest Portage County, with a focus on small acreage landowners (<10 acres of woods). It is the result of a collaborative effort to maintain functioning forests in northwest Portage County and positively address issues and concerns stemming from the loss or fragmentation of the area's woodlands. We invite local woodland owners to complete this survey to help us focus our efforts on your interests and needs. If you know others who own woods in northeastern Ohio, please feel free to invite them to complete this survey as well. You are also invited to review the draft plan and provide comments (available online at ohiodnr.com/forestry). Comments will be accepted through **October 31, 2012**.

1. Where are your woodlands located?
   County: _____ city/township: _____
2. How many acres of woods do you own?
   Woodland acres: _____ Total property acres: _____
3. How long have you owned your woods?
   a. <2 years
   b. 2-5 years
   c. 5-10 years
   d. 10-20 years
   e. 20-50 years
   f. >50 years
4. Do you live on your wooded property?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. Seasonal/part-time
5. If you do not live on your wooded property, how far away do you live from it?
   Approximate miles: _____
6. Please rate the following woodland benefits and services on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest value and 1 being the lowest value (circle one #/category): [lowest - Highest]

a. Timber production / income from timber	[1	2	3	4	5	]
b. Hunting / wildlife habitat for game species	[1	2	3	4	5	]
c. Wildlife habitat – non-game species .	[1	2	3	4	5	]
d. Privacy / aesthetics . . .	[1	2	3	4	5	]
e. Recreation	[1	2	3	4	5	]
f. Real estate investment . .	[1	2	3	4	5	]
g. Other: _____	[1	2	3	4	5	]
h. Other: _____	[1	2	3	4	5	]

7. Where do (or would) you go to get information about trees, woods, woodland wildlife, or other related topics? Rate your preference for each on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being most preferred source and 1, your least preferred (circle one #/category):

a.	Computer – search Internet / websites .	[	1	2	3	4	5]
b.	Computer – participate in online seminar / Webinar . .	[	1	2	3	4	5]
c.	Library	[	1	2	3	4	5]
d.	Contact local agency (county extension or soil & water conservation district office) . .	[	1	2	3	4	5]
e.	Contact state agency (Ohio DNR Division of Forestry or Division of Wildlife) . . .	[	1	2	3	4	5]
f.	Contact federal agency (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency) . .	[	1	2	3	4	5]
g.	Contact private company / individual (arborist, consulting forester, etc.) .	[	1	2	3	4	5]
h.	Contact landowner group . .	[	1	2	3	4	5]
i.	Attend local workshop . .	[	1	2	3	4	5]
j.	Other: _____	[	1	2	3	4	5]
k.	Would not seek information . .	[	1	2	3	4	5]

8. Have you ever received advice from a natural resource professional (forester, wildlife biologist, etc.) on managing your woods?
   a. Yes
   b. No
9. Do you have a woodland management plan?
   a. Yes
   b. No
10. If you have a woodland management plan, who wrote it?
   a. State service forester
   b. State wildlife biologist
   c. Consulting forester
   d. Private company forester (forest products company/sawmill)
   e. Other local, state, or federal natural resource specialist (soil & water, NRCS)
   f. Conservation oriented non-governmental organization
   g. You wrote it yourself
   h. Other_____
11. Have you ever done work in your woods to try to improve it, make it healthier, or obtain forest products?
   a. Yes
   b. No

12. If you've worked in your woods, what did you do (select all that apply)?
    a. Controlled / removed unwanted plants (e.g., invasive plants, grapevines)
    b. Treated trees for insect or disease problems
    c. Enhanced wildlife habitat (e.g. planting, clearing, nesting boxes)
    d. Timber harvest
    e. Tapped trees for maple syrup
    f. Grown &/or collected non-timber forest products (e.g., mushrooms, nuts, herbs)
    g. Made trails for hiking, biking, etc.
    h. Marked property boundaries
    i. Other: _____
13. How likely are you to do woodland improvement work on your property in the next 6 months?
    a. Definitely will not
    b. Unlikely
    c. Not certain
    d. Likely
    e. Definitely will
14. Please rate the following woodland threats on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 equaling your highest concern and 1 equaling your lowest concern (circle one #/category): [lowest - Highest]

a. Invasive insect pests (e.g. emerald ash borer, gypsy moth)	[1	2	3	4	5	]
b. Diseases (e.g. 1000 cankers disease, beech bark disease)	[1	2	3	4	5	]
c. Invasive plants (e.g. bush honeysuckle, tree of heaven)	[1	2	3	4	5	]
d. Development/land-use change/forest clearing.	[1	2	3	4	5	]
e. Climate change	[1	2	3	4	5	]
f. Lack of woodland management (no thinning/harvests)	[1	2	3	4	5	]
g. Poor woodland managment (e.g. over-harvesting)	[1	2	3	4	5	]
h. Other: _____	[1	2	3	4	5	]

15. If you would you like additional information or assistance related to the Woodland Plan for northwest Portage County, please leave your contact information:
    Name: _____ Phone#: _____
    Address: _____ Email: _____
    _____
    _____
16. If you would you like to participate in a committee working on woodland conservation in northwest Portage County or volunteer for woodland stewardship activities, please circle options below.
    a. Yes I am interested in serving on a woodland conservation committee
    b. Yes I am interested in future woodland stewardship volunteer opportunities
17. Please share any additional comments:
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    _____
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