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**APPENDIX J. SURVEYS AND INTERVIEWS**

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**Redbank Creek Watershed Conservation Plan**

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Thanks again for your time to complete this survey. We truly value your input.

**Public Survey**

**1.) In what county and municipality do you reside?**

County \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality \_\_\_\_\_

**2.) In what watershed do you reside?**

- Mainstem Redbank Creek
- Sandy Lick Creek
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- North Fork Creek
- Don't Know

**3.) What do you think are the two most common land uses in your area?**

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

**4.) Number the following list in order of importance in regards to your future visions of the watershed. One being the most important.**

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| _____ Attractive Natural Settings | _____ Preserving Historic Sites |
| _____ Recreation Opportunities    | _____ Water Quality Improvement |
| _____ New Business/Jobs           | _____ Community Activities      |
| _____ Residential Development     | _____ Educational Opportunities |
| _____ Other _____                 |                                 |

**5.) Number the following list of outdoor recreational opportunities in order of your interest. One being the most important.**

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|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| _____ Boating                | _____ Hiking           | _____ Fishing     |
| _____ Canoeing/Kayaking      | _____ Horseback Riding | _____ Swimming    |
| _____ Hunting                | _____ Bird Watching    | _____ Picnicking  |
| _____ Visiting Scenic Vistas | _____ Organized Sports | _____ Photography |
| _____ Visiting Public Parks  | _____ ATV Riding       | _____ Biking      |
| _____ Other _____            |                        |                   |

**6.) List three things you like about the area in which you live.**

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

**7.) List three things you don't like about the area in which you live.**

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

**8.) List three suggestions to improve conditions in the watersheds.**

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

**9.) Other comments or concerns.**

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**If you would like to be informed of public meetings regarding this project and project updates, please complete the information below.**

Name _____	E-mail _____
Address _____	Home Phone _____
_____	Work Phone _____

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

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### Municipal Survey

**1.) In what county and municipality do you reside?**

County \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality \_\_\_\_\_

**2.) In what watershed(s) is your municipality located?**

- North Fork
- Redbank Creek (mainstem)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Sandy Lick
- Don't Know

**3.) What do you think are the two most common land uses in your area?**

- Residential
- Commercial/Industrial
- Water/Wetlands
- Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Forested
- Agricultural
- Recreational

**4.) Number the following list in order of importance with regards to your county/municipality's future visions of the watershed. One being the most important.**

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| _____ Attractive Natural Settings | _____ Preserving Historic Sites |
| _____ Recreation Opportunities    | _____ Water Quality Improvement |
| _____ New Business/Jobs           | _____ Community Activities      |
| _____ Residential Development     | _____ Educational Opportunities |
| _____ Other _____                 |                                 |

**5.) Number the following list of outdoor recreational opportunities in order of interest in your county/municipality. One being the most important.**

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|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| _____ Boating                | _____ Hiking           | _____ Fishing     |
| _____ Canoeing/Kayaking      | _____ Horseback Riding | _____ Swimming    |
| _____ Hunting                | _____ Bird Watching    | _____ Picnicking  |
| _____ Visiting Scenic Vistas | _____ Organized Sports | _____ Photography |
| _____ Visiting Public Parks  | _____ ATV Riding       | _____ Biking      |
| _____ Other _____            |                        |                   |

**6.) Does your municipality have a comprehensive plan? YES or NO  
If yes, what is the name of the plan(s) and when was it adopted?**

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**7.) Does your municipality currently utilize zoning and subdivision ordinances? YES or NO  
If yes, what types of ordinances do you have?**

\_\_\_\_\_

**8.) What are the three most critical needs or challenges in your county or municipality that affect the Redbank Creek watershed?**

- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**9.) a. Does your municipality have any public water services in the Redbank Creek watershed area? YES or NO  
If yes, please list the name and capacity of each facility.**

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**b. Do you foresee the need to upgrade or establish a public water supply in your municipality in the Redbank Creek watershed area within the next ten years? YES or NO**

**10.) Does your municipality have any public sewage systems in the Redbank Creek watershed area? YES or NO  
If yes, please list the name and capacity of each facility.**

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**11.) What projects would you like to see implemented in the area that you represent that could be included in the Redbank Creek Watershed Conservation Plan? Please list short-term and long-term projects and goals.**

**a.) Land Use/Land Resources (farmland preservation, development, planning, etc.)**

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**b.) Water Resources (quality, quantity, etc.)**

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**c.) Biological Resources (plant, animal, terrestrial, aquatic, areas of concern, etc.)**

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**d.) Cultural Resources (historical, recreational, environmental education, etc.)**

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**e.) Other (roads/other transportation, economy/jobs, population & demographic trends)**

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Redbank Creek Watershed Conservation Plan  
Key Individual Interviews

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How has the watershed changed in the past 10 years? (Were these changes good, bad, indifferent?)

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2. How do the following currently meet the needs of the watershed community? (Are there too many, not enough, or correct amount? What condition are they in? Recommended solutions?)

a. Transportation

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b. Infrastructure

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c. Employment Opportunities

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d. Educational Opportunities

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e. Land Use Controls/Zoning Ordinances

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3. Do the recreational opportunities currently meet the needs of the watershed community? (Are there too many, not enough, or correct amount? What condition are they in? Are they easy to access? Recommended solutions?)

a. Parks/Picnic Sites

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b. Hiking/Biking Trails

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c. Off Road Vehicle Riding

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d. Scenic Vistas/Photography

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e. Wildlife/Bird Watching

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f. Hunting/Fishing

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g. Boating/Swimming

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h. Historical Sites/Structures

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i. Other

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4. What are some of the impacts currently affecting the land, water, and biological resources?

a. Land Resources (Examples: agricultural lands, logging, development)

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b. Water Resources (Examples: sedimentation, acid rain, runoff)

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c. Biological Resources (Examples: invasive species, habitat destruction)

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d. Other (Examples: air quality, historical preservation, recreation, economy)

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5. Do you have any specific projects or type of projects that you would like to see identified in the plan?

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6. What must the watershed conservation plan say to be successful?

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7. What must the watershed conservation plan not say to be successful?

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8. Do you know of any other people we should interview?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you have any other questions or comments before we conclude this interview?