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# General Questionnaire

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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 watershed.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 watershed issues.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Preserving Agricultural Lands
- \_\_\_\_\_ Eliminating Illegal ATV/Snowmobile Use and Conflicts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Providing ATV/Snowmobile Recreation Facilities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improving Infrastructure (i.e. roads, water, sewage, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Enhancing Economic Development
- \_\_\_\_\_ Increasing Environmental Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reducing Erosion & Sedimentation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reducing Flooding
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improving Forestry Techniques
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preserving Historical & Cultural Heritage
- \_\_\_\_\_ Preventing Illegal Dumping & Clean up Litter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Controlling Invasive Species
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reclamation of Mine Drainage/Mine Lands
- \_\_\_\_\_ Reducing Storm Water Runoff
- \_\_\_\_\_ Addressing Tourism Impacts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Managing Waste Sites/Hazardous Spills
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improving Water Quality
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ensuring Adequate Water Quantity
- \_\_\_\_\_ Improving Wildlife/Fisheries Habitats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

7. Other comments or concerns.

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**Thank you very much for completing this survey. Please return the survey within two weeks.**

**Return Options:**

**Refold the pamphlet, tape (do not staple), and place it in the mail with proper postage. Or, drop off at Parker Dam State Park, Sinnemahoning State Park, or the Barbara Mascato Brown Memorial Library.**

# Voice Your Opinion

## Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed Conservation Plan



**By completing and returning the survey, you will have a chance to win this John Sidelinger original painting, more information inside.**

The goal of the Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed Conservation Plan is to assess past and present conditions of resources to develop a plan for the future of the watershed, which will:

- promote responsible recreation
- educate and encourage stewardship to protect and restore natural resources
- foster an appreciation and understanding of cultural and historical legacies

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

## Sinnemahoning Creek Watershed



### What is a watershed?

*A watershed is an area of land that drains to a particular point along a stream.*

*The Sinnemahoning Creek watershed is a 1,050 square mile area that includes and affects the people living throughout the region.*

### What is the purpose of the survey?

*To help us understand the views of residents and visitors of the communities within the watershed regarding current conditions and future visions for watershed resources. Your ideas provide a basis for making management recommendations and setting conservation priorities for the watershed.*

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## Residents Questionnaire

For Individuals with Permanent Residence within the Watershed

### Please Mark One

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

County \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Near what part of the Sinnemahoning Creek watershed do you reside?

- Bennett Branch
- Driftwood/Sinnemahoning Portage
- First Fork
- Sinnemahoning Mainstem
- 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
- Farther \_\_\_\_\_

#### 5. How often do you visit state parks and state forests in your area?

- Frequently (6 or more times a year)
- Occasionally (2-5 times a year)
- Sporadically (once every year)
- Rarely (once every few years)
- Never

\* Please Continue with the General Questionnaire

## Visitors Questionnaire

### Please Mark One

#### 1. Do you own property in the watershed?

- 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?

- Food/Lodging
- Recreation/Supplies
- Souvenirs
- Travel/Gas
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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

## General Demographics

(Optional)

#### 1. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

#### 2. What is your age?

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

## General Questionnaire

For Residents and Visitors

#### 1. What do you think are the two most important land uses in the Sinnemahoning Creek watershed area?

- 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 on Reverse

\* If you would like to be entered to win the original (16x20") painting pictured on the front cover of the survey and receive project updates, please complete the information below. Entries must be received by October 31, 2008.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_