OHIO'S FOREST RESOURCE ASSESSMENT & STRATEGY (FRAS): STAKEHOLDER SURVEY

Name:
Affiliation/Interest:
City or County:
Goal of Survey: To identify the key issues, threats, & opportunities for Ohio's forest resources across all ownerships and urban and rural lands.

1. For the following list of potential issues and threats to Ohio's forests, please circle the number to the right that best fits your level of concern.

Issues and Threats to Ohio's Forests	**Level of Concern**				
	Not concerned	**Neutral/ Not sure**	**Somewhat concerned**	**Concerned**	**Very concerned**
Availability of land for public recreation	1	2	3	4	5
Change in forest species composition (e.g., less oak)	1	2	3	4	5
Change in land ownership, including inter-generational transfer	1	2	3	4	5
Climate change	1	2	3	4	5
Conservation of biodiversity (plants & wildlife)	1	2	3	4	5
Conservation of soil & water resources (e.g., Best Mgt. Practices)	1	2	3	4	5
Control of wildfires (fire suppression)	1	2	3	4	5
Decline in reforestation	1	2	3	4	5
Decline in timber quality	1	2	3	4	5
Fragmentation of forests and/or conversion of forests to nonforestland	1	2	3	4	5
Inadequate funding for conservation programs/organizations	1	2	3	4	5
Inadequate funding for land acquisitions or conservation easements	1	2	3	4	5
Insects and disease (including invasives like emerald ash borer & gypsy moth)	1	2	3	4	5
Insufficient number of trained loggers	1	2	3	4	5
Insufficient technical support/resources for landowners/communities	1	2	3	4	5
Invasive plants	1	2	3	4	5
Lack of adequate forest management	1	2	3	4	5
Loss of fire-dependent species/communities	1	2	3	4	5

Issues and Threats to Ohio's Forests	Not concerned	Neutral/ Not sure	Somewhat concerned	Concerned	Very concerned
Low incentives to retain forests and/or manage them sustainably	1	2	3	4	5
Overpopulation of white-tailed deer	1	2	3	4	5
Parcelization and/or urbanization	1	2	3	4	5
Poor timber harvesting practices	1	2	3	4	5
Poor timber markets	1	2	3	4	5
Property Tax Policies/Programs (e.g., Ohio Forest Tax Law, Current Agricultural Use Value)	1	2	3	4	5
Protecting public water supplies	1	2	3	4	5
Public awareness of forest benefits & services	1	2	3	4	5
Public opinion of forest management	1	2	3	4	5
Sustainable use of forest resources	1	2	3	4	5
Sustaining Ohio's forest product industry	1	2	3	4	5
Timber theft/trespass	1	2	3	4	5
Uncertainty about the credentials of forestry professionals	1	2	3	4	5
Uncoordinated delivery of conservation programs	1	2	3	4	5
Urban tree management (e.g., hazard trees, storm damage)	1	2	3	4	5
Wildlife habitat loss	1	2	3	4	5
Other (specify):_____	1	2	3	4	5
Other (specify):_____	1	2	3	4	5
Other (specify):_____	1	2	3	4	5

2. For the following list of potential issues, threats, and opportunities for Ohio's forests, please circle the number to the right that best describes how important you feel each is.

Issues, Threats, & Opportunities for Ohio's Forests	Level of Importance				
	Not important	Neutral/ Not sure	Somewhat important	Important	Very important
Availability of land for public recreation	1	2	3	4	5
Carbon sequestration/markets	1	2	3	4	5
Change in forest species composition (e.g., less oak)	1	2	3	4	5
Change in land ownership, including inter-generational transfer	1	2	3	4	5
Climate change	1	2	3	4	5
Conservation of biodiversity (plants & wildlife)	1	2	3	4	5

Issues, Threats, & Opportunities for Ohio's Forests	Not important	Neutral/ Not sure	Somewhat important	Important	Very important
Conservation of soil & water resources (e.g., Best Mgt. Practices)	1	2	3	4	5
Control of wildfires (fire suppression)	1	2	3	4	5
Decline in reforestation	1	2	3	4	5
Decline in timber quality	1	2	3	4	5
Enhancing urban tree cover	1	2	3	4	5
Forest certification	1	2	3	4	5
Fragmentation of forests and/or conversion of forests to nonforestland	1	2	3	4	5
Inadequate funding for conservation programs/organizations	1	2	3	4	5
Inadequate funding for land acquisitions or conservation easements	1	2	3	4	5
Insects and disease (including invasives like emerald ash borer & gypsy moth)	1	2	3	4	5
Insufficient number of trained loggers	1	2	3	4	5
Insufficient technical support/resources for landowners/communities	1	2	3	4	5
Invasive plants	1	2	3	4	5
Lack of adequate forest management	1	2	3	4	5
Loss of fire-dependent species/communities	1	2	3	4	5
Low incentives to retain forests and/or manage them sustainably	1	2	3	4	5
Overpopulation of white-tailed deer	1	2	3	4	5
Parcelization and/or urbanization	1	2	3	4	5
Poor timber harvesting practices	1	2	3	4	5
Poor timber markets	1	2	3	4	5
Property Tax Policies/Programs (e.g., Ohio Forest Tax Law, Current Agricultural Use Value)	1	2	3	4	5
Protecting public water supplies	1	2	3	4	5
Public awareness of forest benefits & services	1	2	3	4	5
Public opinion of forest management	1	2	3	4	5
Sustainable use of forest resources	1	2	3	4	5
Sustaining Ohio's forest product industry	1	2	3	4	5
Timber theft/trespass	1	2	3	4	5
Uncertainty about the credentials of forestry professionals	1	2	3	4	5
Uncoordinated delivery of conservation programs	1	2	3	4	5

Issues, Threats, & Opportunities for Ohio's Forests	Not important	Neutral/ Not sure	Somewhat important	Important	Very important
Urban tree management (e.g., hazard trees, storm damage)	1	2	3	4	5
Wildlife habitat loss	1	2	3	4	5
Other (specify):_____	1	2	3	4	5
Other (specify):_____	1	2	3	4	5
Other (specify):_____	1	2	3	4	5

3. For the following list of issues, threats, and opportunities for Ohio's forests, what are the **five most important**. Please rank the most important ones from 1 to 5 (1 being the most important), by circling the numbers to the right. Only your top five should have numbers circled.

Issues, Threats, & Opportunities for Ohio's Forests	Rank of Importance (only your top five)				
Availability of land for public recreation	1	2	3	4	5
Carbon sequestration/markets	1	2	3	4	5
Change in forest species composition (e.g., less oak)	1	2	3	4	5
Change in land ownership, including inter-generational transfer	1	2	3	4	5
Climate change	1	2	3	4	5
Conservation of biodiversity (plants & wildlife)	1	2	3	4	5
Conservation of soil & water resources (e.g., Best Mgt. Practices)	1	2	3	4	5
Control of wildfires (fire suppression)	1	2	3	4	5
Decline in reforestation	1	2	3	4	5
Decline in timber quality	1	2	3	4	5
Enhancing urban tree cover	1	2	3	4	5
Forest certification	1	2	3	4	5
Fragmentation of forests and/or conversion of forests to nonforestland	1	2	3	4	5
Inadequate funding for conservation programs/organizations	1	2	3	4	5
Inadequate funding for land acquisitions or conservation easements	1	2	3	4	5
Insects and disease (including invasives like emerald ash borer & gypsy moth)	1	2	3	4	5
Insufficient number of trained loggers	1	2	3	4	5
Insufficient technical support/resources for landowners/communities	1	2	3	4	5
Invasive plants	1	2	3	4	5
Lack of adequate forest management	1	2	3	4	5

Issues, Threats, & Opportunities for Ohio's Forests	**Rank of Importance (only your top five)**				
Loss of fire-dependent species/communities	1	2	3	4	5
Low incentives to retain forests and/or manage them sustainably	1	2	3	4	5
Overpopulation of white-tailed deer	1	2	3	4	5
Parcelization and/or urbanization	1	2	3	4	5
Poor timber harvesting practices	1	2	3	4	5
Poor timber markets	1	2	3	4	5
Property Tax Policies/Programs (e.g., Ohio Forest Tax Law, Current Agricultural Use Value)	1	2	3	4	5
Protecting public water supplies	1	2	3	4	5
Public awareness of forest benefits & services	1	2	3	4	5
Public opinion of forest management	1	2	3	4	5
Sustainable use of forest resources	1	2	3	4	5
Sustaining Ohio's forest product industry	1	2	3	4	5
Timber theft/trespass	1	2	3	4	5
Uncertainty about the credentials of forestry professionals	1	2	3	4	5
Uncoordinated delivery of conservation programs	1	2	3	4	5
Urban tree management (e.g., hazard trees, storm damage)	1	2	3	4	5
Wildlife habitat loss	1	2	3	4	5
Other (specify):_____	1	2	3	4	5
Other (specify):_____	1	2	3	4	5
Other (specify):_____	1	2	3	4	5

4. Would you like to be part of a coordinated partnership to work on any of these topics (or continue existing partnerships)? If so, please check the box to the right of those topics.

Issues, Threats, & Opportunities for Ohio's Forests	**Check those you would like to partner on**
Availability of land for public recreation	
Carbon sequestration/markets	
Change in forest species composition (e.g., less oak)	
Change in land ownership, including inter-generational transfer	
Climate change	
Conservation of biodiversity (plants & wildlife)	
Conservation of soil & water resources (e.g., Best Mgt. Practices)	
Control of wildfires (fire suppression)	
Decline in reforestation	
Decline in timber quality	
Enhancing urban tree cover	
Forest certification	
Fragmentation of forests and/or conversion of forests to nonforestland	
Inadequate funding for conservation programs/organizations	
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Insects and disease (including invasives like emerald ash borer & gypsy moth)	
Insufficient number of trained loggers	
Insufficient technical support/resources for landowners/communities	
Invasive plants	
Lack of adequate forest management	
Loss of fire-dependent species/communities	
Low incentives to retain forests and/or manage them sustainably	
Overpopulation of white-tailed deer	
Parcelization and/or urbanization	
Poor timber harvesting practices	
Poor timber markets	
Property Tax Policies/Programs (e.g., Ohio Forest Tax Law, Current Agricultural Use Value)	
Protecting public water supplies	
Public awareness of forest benefits & services	
Public opinion of forest management	
Sustainable use of forest resources	
Sustaining Ohio's forest product industry	

Issues, Threats, & Opportunities for Ohio's Forests	Check those you would like to partner on
Uncertainty about the credentials of forestry professionals	
Uncoordinated delivery of conservation programs	
Urban tree management (e.g., hazard trees, storm damage)	
Wildlife habitat loss	
Other (specify):_____	
Other (specify):_____	
Other (specify):_____	

5. If you checked any topics in question 4, please indicate how you might contribute in partnership and provide contact information (if not provided in Question 7)?

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6. If the Ohio Division of Forestry, in partnership with other organizations, were to focus resources on certain landscapes or locations across the state (i.e., priority areas), where do you recommend and why?

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7. Would you like to be notified by email when a draft Statewide Forest Assessment and Strategy is available for public review? The draft documents will be posted on the ODNR Division of Forestry webpage (www.ohiodnr.com/forestry). YES or NO

   Email address:_____

   If you don't have email, please give an address where a hard copy can be mailed._____
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8. Any additional comments? Include them here or attach to survey.

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The Ohio Division of Forestry appreciates your time and support of our efforts to promote and achieve the sustainable use and protection of Ohio's forests.

Mail or email completed survey and any additional comments to:

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