

**Appendix 1. Survey instrument.**

**Part A: Participation in the Indiana Classified Forest and Wildlands Program (ICFWP)**

1. What year was your land first enrolled in the ICFWP? \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Did you enroll the land in the ICFWP or was it enrolled when you obtained ownership of it?
    - I enrolled the land in the ICFWP.
    - It was already enrolled when I obtained ownership of it.
  - B. Is your land still enrolled in the ICFWP?
    - Yes
    - No

If not, what year did you remove the land from the ICFWP? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Which of the following best describes your involvement in the ICFWP?
  - Participant in the ICFWP
  - Formerly a participant in ICFWP
  - Never a participant in ICFWP **(Please skip ahead to Section E on page 5)**
3. In terms of eligibility for the ICFWP, which of the following best describes your property?
  - Minimum of 10 acres of forest
  - Minimum of 10 acres of wetland
  - Minimum of 10 acres of shrubland
  - Minimum of 10 acres of grassland
  - Mixture of land cover types; minimum of 10 acres
4. How did you first learn about the ICFWP programs? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you know other landowners who participate in the ICFWP?
  - No
  - Yes → Approximately how many? \_\_\_\_\_

[IF Yes} 5a. To what extent would you say the participation of other landowners influenced your decision to participate?

Not at all	Minimally	Moderately	Significantly

6. Which of the following best describes your property?
  - Commercial farm, operated by you
  - Commercial farm, leased or rented to another operator
  - Hobby farm
  - Non-farm, rural business
  - Residential lot with surrounding lands
7. How many totals acres of land do you own? \_\_\_\_\_ (acres)
8. How many acres of land do you own that is enrolled in the ICFWP? \_\_\_\_\_ (acres)
  - 8a. How many separate parcels of land do you own that are enrolled in the ICFWP? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Please check all of the following features that your ICFWP enrolled property includes:
  - Woodlands
  - Natural grasslands
  - Wetlands
  - Streams / creeks
  - Natural lakes / ponds
  - Man-made / dug lakes / ponds
  - Other features: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part B: Land Stewardship**

1. In your opinion, what term best describes the biodiversity found on your property enrolled in the ICFWP?
  - Outstanding
  - Good
  - Fair
  - Poor
  
2. Which of the following statements do you feel best describe the current status of the biodiversity on your ICFWP enrolled property?
  - Overall the biodiversity of this property is improving
  - On balance the biodiversity of this property is remaining about the same
  - The general state of biodiversity on this property is declining
  
3. In terms of reasons for owning the land enrolled in the ICFWP, how important are the following reasons?

Land Features	Very important	Important	Moderately important	Of little importance	Not important	Not applicable
To enjoy beauty or scenery						
To protect nature or biological diversity						
To protect water resources						
To protect or improve wildlife habitat						
For land investment						
It is part of my primary residence land						
Is part of my cabin or vacation home site						
Is part of my working farm or ranch						
For privacy						
To raise my family						
To pass land on to my heirs						
For firewood						
For timber products, such as logs/pulpwood						
For nontimber products, such as nuts/syrup						
For hunting						
For recreation, other than hunting						
Other:						

4. In terms of ecological management practices for this property, please indicate which of the following has been undertaken or is planned:

Action/Activity	Completed	Underway	Planned	Not Planned	N/A @ this Property
Removal/control of invasive species					
Planting of native species					
Prescribed burns					
Removal of unhealthy trees					
Removal of unsafe trees					
Improvements to wildlife habitat					
Groundwater protection					
Erosion control					
Monitoring environmental conditions					
Allowing natural succession					
Other:					

**Part C: The ICFWP**

1. Overall, how would you rate the level of influence that the ICFWP has on the conservation of private lands in Indiana? (please select one answer)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not at all influential | <input type="checkbox"/> Very influential      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Slightly influential   | <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely influential |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat influential   | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know            |

2. To what extent do you feel the following environmental issues are problems in Indiana?

Issue	Serious Problem	Moderate Problem	Slight Problem	Probably not a Problem	Definitely not a Problem
Damage to natural heritage					
Loss of biodiversity					
Threats to endangered species					
Loss of quality woodlands					
Loss of greenspace					
Spread of invasive species in forest ecosystems					
Threats to water quality					
Spread of invasive species in freshwater ecosystems					

3. To what extent do you feel government programs like the ICFWP are necessary for achieving the following environmental goals?

Environmental Goal	Very Unnecessary	Unnecessary	Necessary	Very Necessary
Protecting natural heritage and biodiversity				
Helping to preserve representative ecosystems				
Protecting endangered species				
Maintaining habitat				
Preserving woodlands				
Encouraging woodland management				
Preventing incompatible uses of greenspace				
Promoting natural heritage conservation				
Protecting water quality				

4. In relation to the same set of environmental goals, how would you rate the effectiveness of the ICFWP?

Environmental Goal	Very Ineffective	Ineffective	Effective	Very Effective	Don't Know
Protecting natural heritage and biodiversity					
Helping to preserve representative ecosystems					
Protecting endangered species					
Maintaining habitat					
Preserving woodlands					
Encouraging woodland management					
Preventing incompatible uses of greenspace					
Promoting natural heritage conservation					
Protecting water quality					

5. Based on your experience, please rate the ICFWP in relation to the following criteria:

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Overall program design					
Quality of information provided to landowners					
Timely response to questions you posed					
Technical advice provided to landowners from professional foresters					
Support for developing a forest/land management plan					
Other:					

6. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

Statement	Definitely Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Definitely Disagree
The property tax reduction provided by the ICFWP doesn't make the program worthwhile				
The ICFWP is a major reason for our decision to actively manage the land.				
The ICFWP has no influence on how we manage the environmental features of this property				
Without the ICFWP our woodlot/property would not be affordable				
We consider the ICFWP as largely compensation for property taxes which are already too high				
The amount of compensation available through the ICFWP makes it worthwhile to participate				
If there was no financial compensation (reduction in tax bill) I/we would not participate in the ICFWP				
The ICFWP is effective for promoting biodiversity				
The ICFWP is effective in helping maintain/conservate Indiana forests				

**Part E: Background Information**

1. How many times during the past 12 months have you visited the following places?

A State Park: \_\_\_\_\_ times                      A State Forest: \_\_\_\_\_ times                      A National Forest: \_\_\_\_\_ times

2. Please check all the ways you have used or managed your ICFWP and adjacent land(s) that are not in the program:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent residence for you and/or your family     | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation (e.g. hiking, ATV use, etc.)                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal residence for you and /or your family     | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting or fishing (by you or someone else)                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crop farming or gardening for personal consumption | <input type="checkbox"/> Timber harvesting (by you or someone else)                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crop farming for market sale                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting wild foods for personal consumption                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock raising for personal consumption         | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting wild foods for market sale (e.g. ginseng, walnuts, berries, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock raising for market sale                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Firewood harvesting (outside of top removal)                                 |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Leased some of the land  |

Do you consider your crops or livestock "organic"?       Yes  No

3. Are there any other land uses not listed above (question 2) that you would like to include? \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Conservation easements** are permanent legal agreements that limit future land development while leaving land in private ownership and on the local tax roll. Conservation easements are primarily used for preservation of ecological values of land for future generations.

- Were you aware of conservation easements before today?  Yes  No  
 Is any of your land under a conservation easement?  Yes  No  
 If not, would you consider a conservation easement for your land?  Yes  No

5. Do you consider yourself an environmentalist?  Yes  No

6. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement:

“The landscape in the county where my land is has changed a lot since I moved (or purchased property) there.”

- strongly Agree  
 somewhat Agree  
 somewhat Disagree  
 strongly Disagree  
 Don't know or no opinion

7. To what extent would you say you were/are active or inactive in outdoor recreational activities like hiking, camping, boating, or hunting (**not** including organized team sports like soccer or hockey) as a teenager and as an adult?

	Very Active	Somewhat Active	Somewhat Inactive	Very Inactive
<b>As a teenager</b>				
<b>As an adult</b>				

8. When you were growing up (0-18 years of age), what best describes the place or places where you lived?

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you a member, donor, or participant in any organizations that focus on environmental issues?

- Yes  No If so, which organization(s)? \_\_\_\_\_

10. Would you have participated in the ICFWP without the accompanying reduction in your property tax bill?

- Yes  No  N/A, I have never participated in the ICFWP.

11. Are there other types of incentives or measures you would like to see or believe would be effective for promoting environmental stewardship on private lands? Please list up to three recommendations in the spaces below.

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**Part F: Demographic Information**

1. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. What is your gender?            Female            Male            Other
  
3. Which of the following best describes your household?  

<input type="checkbox"/> Single adult living alone	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult couple living alone
<input type="checkbox"/> Single adult with child or children	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult couple with child or children
<input type="checkbox"/> Two or more unrelated adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Three or more related adults
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
  
4. Which of the following best describes your educational background?  

<input type="checkbox"/> Some grade school or high school	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional degree (i.e. MD, JD, DVM)
<input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma or GED	<input type="checkbox"/> University graduate degree (i.e. MA, MS, PhD)
<input type="checkbox"/> Some college/university/technical school	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical school diploma	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree (i.e. BA, BS)	_____
  
5. Which of the following best describes your employment status? (Check multiple categories, if needed)  

<input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Employed part-time	<input type="checkbox"/> Retired
<input type="checkbox"/> Employed full-time (30+ hrs/wk)	(<30 hrs/wk) <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed	<input type="checkbox"/> Student
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
  
6. What ethnicity do you most identify with? \_\_\_\_\_
  
7. What category best describes your household income for 2013?  

<input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75,000-\$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200,000-\$250,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000-\$50,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000-\$150,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250,000-\$300,000
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000-\$75,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150,000-\$200,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$300,000+
  
8. Would you be willing to participate in a follow up telephone interview? If yes, please provide your phone number in the space below and best time for us to reach you:  
  
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9. Do you have any further comments or information that you would like to share about this survey and other related issues?