



Alger Conservation District

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Natural Resources Assessment Questionnaire

The Alger Conservation District is a local unit of government overseen by an elected board of Alger County residents. Our mission and mandate are to provide natural resource assistance to Alger County residents and landowners. Every five years, the Alger Conservation District updates its Natural Resource Assessment to better serve the needs of our county's residents and landowners. We'd like your input in order to complete this process. Please take a moment to complete this survey and mail it back to us.

This information will be used only to guide Alger Conservation District's work over the next five years and to communicate with you, our constituents. We will never sell or distribute it to outside parties.

1. What is your 5-digit zip code? _____
2. Is your primary residence in Alger County? _____
3. How much property do you own in Alger County?
 none/rent 1 acre or less 2-10 acres 11-40 acres over 40 acres
4. How would you describe your home and/or property in Alger County? (check all that apply)
 City Village Rural Residential Rural, not actively farmed Active farm Camp
 Timber/forested Seasonal/Recreational Lake or river frontage Vacant/investment
5. Please check the category or categories that apply to you:
 Homeowner Farmer Hobby farmer Builder/developer Business owner Gov't official
 Hunter/fisherman Resource professional Silent sports participant Student Other or n/a
6. In your daily life, are you: **very involved** **somewhat involved** **not very involved** with natural resources? (Circle one.)
7. Are you: **very concerned** **somewhat concerned** **not very concerned** about natural resource issues? (Circle one)
8. What sources do you use to keep informed about natural resource issues? (check all that apply)
 Local newspaper Local TV Cable TV Internet Radio Farm org Local gov't meetings
 Word of mouth or local postings Sportsmen's organization Facebook/Twitter
 Environmental organization Professional organization Other (please specify) _____
9. Please check all the ways in which you use natural resources for work, home, or recreational purposes. Of these, please circle the three that are most important to you.
 Hunting Fishing ORV/Snowmobiling Bird/wildlife watching Farming Hobby farming
 Hiking/Biking Sailing/canoeing/kayaking Timber/biomass production Wood for heating
 Orchard/gardening Wind or solar energy Horse riding/dogsledding Depend on well for water
 Other _____
10. What conservation practices or activities do you currently practice on your land or in your home?
11. What will be the most important land use issues facing Alger County over the next five years? Please circle your top three.
Loss of farmland Urban sprawl and overdevelopment Preservation of natural areas
Forest management Spread of invasive species Overuse/degradation of recreation areas
Local planning/zoning Local food production/small farms Other (please specify) _____
12. What will be the most pressing water quality issues facing Alger County over the next five years? Circle your top three.
Soil erosion and sedimentation Invasive plants and animals Loss of wetlands
Residential fertilizer/pesticide use Groundwater contamination Groundwater overuse
Storm water management Agricultural fertilizer/pesticide use Lake & stream cleanup
Agricultural cropland drainage Protection of recreational waters Inadequate septic systems
Other (please specify) _____
13. What will be the main fish & wildlife habitat issues facing Alger County over the next five years? Circle your top three.
Forest habitat degradation Stream and wetland degradation Habitat fragmentation
Lack of public hunting access Need for better habitat management Invasive plants & animals
Climate change Other (please specify) _____

14. What are the agricultural issues facing Alger County over the next 5 years? Circle your top three.

- Milk prices
- Lack of infrastructure for meat processing
- Soil health
- Lack of local markets
- Lack of quality hay/feed production
- Meat prices
- Animal health
- Plant health
- Lack of regional markets
- Wildlife damage to property or crops

15. What are the forestry issues facing Alger County over the next 5 years? Circle your top three.

- Timber market
- Too much timber cut
- Invasive plants
- Fragmentation
- Pests (spruce budworm, beech bark disease, hemlock woolly adelgid)
- Lack of management
- Too little timber cut
- Federal and state management not aligned with county
- Wildfire

16. What are the energy issues facing Alger County over the next 5 years? Circle your top three.

- Price of electricity
- Lack of options
- Other (please specify): _____
- Price of fuel
- Lack of renewable energy/reliance on fossil fuels

17. Alger County residents currently have several recycling options available to them. (See page 2 of this newsletter.)

- Do you currently recycle? Yes No
- If not, why not? Wasn't aware of it Too expensive Too inconvenient Other
- Would you support a countywide recycling program if it were an option for Alger County residents?
- Yes No Depends on the cost Depends on the convenience
- If curbside recycling were available where you live, what do you feel would be a reasonable cost?
- \$150/year \$100/year \$75/year \$50/year \$25/year

18. Would you be interested in a hazardous waste cleanup program if it were an option for Alger County residents?

- Yes No Depends on the cost

19. Which of the following Alger Conservation District programs and services are you aware of? (Circle all that apply.)

- Native plants & pollinator workshops
- Wildlife habitat assistance
- Boat Wash/aquatic invasive species prevention
- Booths at Alger County Fair/other events
- Invasive species site visits & management
- Alger CD Facebook page
- Student service learning projects
- Cost share for natural resource projects
- Forestry site visits & assistance
- MAEAP conservation assistance
- Fruit tree pruning workshops
- Invasive species volunteer days
- Deer habitat projects
- Alger CD website
- Watershed protection education & planning
- Watershed improvement projects (e.g. culvert replacements)
- NRCS/Farm Bill assistance
- Spring tree/wildflower sales
- Invasive species workshops
- Stream monitoring
- Agri-Palooza youth field day
- NMU student internships

21. Which of the programs mentioned above do you feel Alger Conservation District should focus on in the next five years?

22. What programs, activities, or services should Alger Conservation District add to help you, your land, and community?

23. Additional comments or concerns: _____

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

This information is optional, but name and phone are required to be eligible for gift certificate drawing. Everyone who returns a completed survey by April 15, 2021 will be entered into a drawing for a certificate good for \$25 in plant stock from the spring 2021 Alger CD Tree Sale.

Would you like to be added to our mailing list or e-mail list to be notified of Alger CD programs and events?

Please mail or drop this off by August 15, 2021 to Alger Conservation District, 101 Court Street, Munising, MI 49862, or email to teri.grout@macd.org

Thank you for your input and for helping conserve our natural resources!