

# Indian Creek Watershed Landowner Survey 2009



**1. How long have you owned your property in the Indian Creek Watershed?**

\_\_\_ less than 5 yrs    \_\_\_ 5-9 yrs    \_\_\_ 10-19 yrs    \_\_\_ more than 20 yrs

**2. What are the major uses of your creek front property?**

\_\_\_ recreational    \_\_\_ residential    \_\_\_ commercial    \_\_\_ industrial    \_\_\_ agricultural    \_\_\_ vacant

**3. What is the size of your property?** \_\_\_0-5 acres \_\_\_2-5 acres \_\_\_5-25 acres \_\_\_25-100 acres \_\_\_ over 100 acres

**4. a. Do you live on your creek front property?** \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

**b. If not, how often do you go there?** \_\_\_ daily    \_\_\_ weekly    \_\_\_ monthly    \_\_\_ a few times a year

**5. Please indicate the area of the watershed where your property is located** (for example–Laurel Creek)

\_\_\_\_\_

**6. Which of the following qualities or values of creek front property are important to you?**

\_\_\_ agricultural    \_\_\_ scenic beauty    \_\_\_ recreational opportunities    \_\_\_ privacy    \_\_\_ investment value  
 \_\_\_ good water quality    \_\_\_ other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Please mark any items below that you think are a problem.**

	Current Problem	Future Problem	Want information
Creek bank erosion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water Quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water level changes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased development:			
Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Residential	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Loss of historical rural character	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Timbering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased recreational use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Solid Waste Disposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hazardous Materials	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lack of Public Access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unauthorized Vehicles	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify) _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**8. a. Do you use your land for pasturing livestock?** \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

**b. Do you fence your livestock out of the stream(s) on your property?** \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

**9. Please indicate if any of the following activities/situations interfere with your enjoyment of your property:**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water pollution        | <input type="checkbox"/> Littering                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial development | <input type="checkbox"/> Residential development      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trespassing            | <input type="checkbox"/> Vandalism                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noise                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |

**10. What do you think is most likely to happen to your land within the next 10 years?**

- Developed (by self or others)  Retained in present condition (by self or others)
- Sold to the highest bidder for unlimited development
- Sold to the highest bidder with conservation restrictions
- Transferred to local land trust or with other conservation group to insure protection of property
- Transferred to local or state government to insure protection of the property

**11. Please check the box describing your attitude about the following methods of land preservation:**

	Approve	Disapprove	No Opinion
Sole responsibility of individual landowner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Management to regulate activities in the creek corridor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Federal or state tax incentives for private land conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced property taxes for land with conservation easements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**12. Are you interested in learning more about land preservation, especially methods with tax or other financial advantages to the landowner?  Yes  No**

**13. In the limestone areas of Monroe County, pollutants can travel from the surface directly into the underground water and wells without being filtered. These limestone layers are known as "karst topography." Do you know how to best protect our water supply as it flows through the karst formations?  Yes  No**

**14. a. Do you have a contract allowing for natural gas drilling on your property?  Yes  No**

**b. If not, what is your intent for your land?  lease land for gas drilling  keep in present condition  undecided**

**15. Who should be responsible for water and environmental protection in Monroe County?**

	Approve	Disapprove	No Opinion
Sole responsibility of individual landowner	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Federal Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmers and Timbermen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business and Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Comments and other concerns - \_\_\_\_\_**

**If you would like information about the activities of the Indian Creek Watershed Association, please list your name and address below so that you may be included on our mailing list.\***

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

Address-mailing: \_\_\_\_\_

Address-911: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you would like your survey to remain anonymous but wish to be included on our mailing list, you may send your name and address in a separate envelope.

Thank you for your help!

Please return in enclosed envelope by October 1<sup>st</sup> to:

**Indian Creek Watershed Association  
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Union, WV 24983**