

For us to gain a better understanding of your opinions and values regarding water quality, conservation, and rural life, we would like to ask you the following questions. While we encourage you to respond to all the questions, feel free to answer only those that you are comfortable answering. A partial response is better than no response. The survey should only take 10-15 minutes to complete.

Please answering by circling, checking or numbering

1. What is your level of understanding of the South Central IA Cedar Creek WMA's function and goals for the watershed?

Good       Fair       Poor

2. Gender:  Male     Female    Age:  18-24     25-34     35-44     45-54     55-60     61+

3. Please indicate which of the following best represents your role within the Cedar Creek Watershed:

I own and operate a Farm     I live on an acreage **not** in agriculture production     I live in a rural town  
 I rent/operate land owned by others     I own Ag land but rent it out     Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Best describe the number of acres you own/operate or rent in the watershed:

10-20 ac     25-50 ac     50-100 ac     100+ ac     Other \_\_\_\_\_

5. My farm consists of...

Row Crop- Corn Soybean rotation     Hay     CRP     No Livestock  
 Row Crop CB with hay rotation     Livestock & Hay     Other \_\_\_\_\_

6. I plan on continuing to own/operate/rent farmland in the Cedar Creek Watershed for the next...

0-5 years     5-10 years     10-20 years     20+ years     Other \_\_\_\_\_

7. What County do you live?

Appanoose Co.     Lucas Co.     Mahaska Co.     Marion Co.     Monroe Co.

8. What concerns do you have on land you own/operate/rent in the Cedar Creek Watershed?

Erosion (Crop or Pasture)     Cropland Production     Drainage tile lines  
 Sedimentation of existing ponds     Nutrient/bacteria leaving my farm     Stream bank erosion  
 Animal health/ animal waste     Soil health/Quality     Abandoned mines/ wells  
 Flooding     Hay/Forage Quantity     Wildlife quantity/ diversity  
 Livestock water quality/quantity     Noxious weeds/invasive brush     Timber management  
 Pasture health     Pesticide drift/runoff     Urban/Storm Runoff  
 Outdated Septic Systems     Other \_\_\_\_\_

9. Does the land you own/operate/rent have an abandoned strip or shaft mine? (check all that apply)

No Mines     Yes Shaft mine # of entrances \_\_\_\_\_  
 Don't know     Yes Strip mine # of acres \_\_\_\_\_

10. Pollutants from Cedar Creek Watershed that enter into the Des Moines River downstream is important to me:

Agree     Disagree     Neutral     Other \_\_\_\_\_

11. If technical and financial assistance were available, are you willing to install conservation practices or flood control structures that may reduce downstream flooding?  Yes     No     Maybe need more info

12. Would you consider building a water control structure (pond) to help reduce flooding?

Yes     No     Maybe     Need More info

13. **What types of conservation practices** are you interested in installing? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cover Crops                     | <input type="checkbox"/> No-till/Strip-till        | <input type="checkbox"/> Contour Buffer Strips         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rotational Grazing System       | <input type="checkbox"/> Manure Management         | <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Reduction Strategies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ponds/ Grade Stabilizations     | <input type="checkbox"/> Terraces/Basins           | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass Filter Strips           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pasture Management              | <input type="checkbox"/> Noxious Weeds/Brush Mgt.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturated/Riparian Buffers    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock water- Pipeline/Wells | <input type="checkbox"/> Timber Mgt./Tree Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat/Diversity    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Exclusion from Creek  | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reclaim Mine(s)/Well(s)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                     |  |  |

14. If you were to install a conservation practices in the next 5 years how much are you willing pay out of pocket?

- \$2,500-\$3,500       \$4,000-\$5,000       \$6,000- 11,000       \$12,000-\$15,000       \$15+

15. What issues hinder you from installing conservation practices (check all that apply)

- Lack of information       Contractor availability       Shortage of personal funding       Rent land  
 Not enough cost-share       Not in government program       Other \_\_\_\_\_

16. If you raise livestock in the watershed please circle what best describes your operation and how many of each?

- Cow-Calf \_\_\_\_\_ # of Head       Beef Feedlot \_\_\_\_\_ # of Head       Dairy \_\_\_\_\_ # of Head  
 Sheep \_\_\_\_\_ # of Head       Goats \_\_\_\_\_ # of Head       Horses \_\_\_\_\_ # of Head  
 Swine (Farrow/Finish) \_\_\_\_\_ # of Head       Other \_\_\_\_\_

17. Please check all that describe your livestock operation facilities.

- Modern Confinement       Open Feedlot concrete       Open Feedlot or dirt       Continuous grazed Pasture  
 Managed Pasture (rotational grazing, multi-paddock)       Other \_\_\_\_\_

18. Does your livestock have access to the creek?       Yes       No       Controlled

19. Which resources do you prefer information regarding conservation choices? (Check all that apply)

- Extension Service       NRCS/Soil & Water Conservation       Friends/Neighbors/Colleges  
 Agribusiness       Farm Manager       Online/smart phone       Iowa Learning Farms  
 Newspapers       Farm Magazines       Radio       Television  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

20. Would you like someone from the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) or the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to contact you to discuss potential conservation needs on your property?

- Yes       No      *If yes, please provide contact information. (Please Print)*

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please send your survey back before May 1<sup>st</sup> in the self-addressed stamped envelope or drop off at the Monroe Co. SWCD Office

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