

# RIVER RECREATION QUALITY SURVEY

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1. Place an X on the scale to indicate your feelings about the \_\_\_\_\_ River in the \_\_\_\_\_ area. If you feel strongly, place your X near each word that best describes your feelings. If your feelings are less strong, place an X in one of the center spaces.

The \_\_\_\_\_ River is ....

important							unimportant
means a lot to me							means nothing to me
beneficial							not beneficial
boring							interesting
appealing							unappealing

2. How familiar are you with each segment of the \_\_\_\_\_ River in the \_\_\_\_\_ area indicated on the enclosed Map? (Circle One Number for Each)

	Not at All	Somewhat Familiar	Very Familiar
River Stretch 1	1	2	3
River Stretch 2	1	2	3
River Stretch 3	1	2	3
River Stretch 4	1	2	3

3. How good is the water quality of \_\_\_\_\_?

Very Bad	Slightly Bad	Fair	Good	Very Good
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4. How safe is the area along and near the \_\_\_\_\_?

Very Dangerous	Somewhat Dangerous	Fairly Safe	Very Safe	Extremely Safe
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5. How important is the recreational use of the \_\_\_\_\_ River to the economy of \_\_\_\_\_ area?

Not at All Important	Slightly Important	Somewhat Important	Quite Important	Extremely Important
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6. How inviting is the \_\_\_\_\_ River?

Not at All Inviting	Slightly Inviting	Somewhat Inviting	Quite Inviting	Extremely Inviting
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7. How serious is a problem is the erosion of the \_\_\_\_\_ River banks?

Not at All Serious	Slightly Serious	Somewhat Serious	Quite Serious	Extremely Serious
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8. How important is commercial navigation (barges) on the \_\_\_\_\_ River in the \_\_\_\_\_ area to the economy of the region?

Not at All Important	Slightly Important	Somewhat Important	Quite Important	Extremely Important
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9. How serious are the conflicts between local residents and recreation users of the \_\_\_\_\_ River in the \_\_\_\_\_ area?

Not at All Serious	Slightly Serious	Somewhat Serious	Quite Serious	Extremely Serious
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10. How important is the \_\_\_\_\_ River to the economy of the \_\_\_\_\_ area?

Not at All Important	Slightly Important	Somewhat Important	Quite Important	Extremely Important
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11. Rate both the QUALITY and AVAILABILITY of the following opportunities and facilities that occur along or near the \_\_\_\_\_ river in the \_\_\_\_\_ area. For each item, CIRCLE the number on the left that best describes its *availability* and the *number on the right that best describes its quality*. (If you don't know, circle DK.)

AVAILABILITY RATING					ITEMS	QUALITY RATING				
Not at All	Low	Med.	High	Don't Know		Very Poor	Poor	Good	Very Good	Don't Know
1	2	3	4	DK	Opportunities to attend concerts, festivals, and arts performances	1	2	3	4	DK
1	2	3	4	DK	Boat Access sites	1	2	3	4	DK
1	2	3	4	DK	Trails for walking, hiking, and biking	1	2	3	4	DK
1	2	3	4	DK	Scenic beauty	1	2	3	4	DK

AVAILABILITY RATING					ITEMS	QUALITY RATING				
1	2	3	4	DK		1	2	3	4	DK
					Educational displays and programs					
					Undeveloped (natural) public land					
					Residential developments					
					Public facilities (restroom, water fountains)					
					Historical attractions					
					Marinas					
					Quiet areas to sit and view the river					
					Recreation-based small businesses (shops, restaurants)					

12. Listed below are potential management actions for the _____ River in the _____ area. <b>CIRCLE ONE NUMBER for each</b> , to indicate your degree of <u>opposition</u> or <u>support</u> for each management action.	DEGREE OF OPPOSITION OR SUPPORT						
	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Oppose Somewhat	Support Somewhat	Support	Strongly Support	Don't Know
MANAGEMENT ACTION							
Develop new programs to improve water quality	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Develop additional public access sites for boating on the _____ River	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Create areas for scenic vistas along or near the _____ River	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Develop additional picnic areas along or near the _____ River	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Create speed zones for recreational boats on the _____ River in the _____ area	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Increase efforts to restore the natural environment of the river area.	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Improve the safety of facilities, trails, and access points (railings, lighting).	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Speed up implementation of water quality programs.	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Improve existing boat access sites.	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Provide increased parking at existing boat access sites	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Provide more visitor education on the commercial uses of the river	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK

12. Listed below are potential management actions for the _____ River in the _____ area. Encourage more concerts, festivals, and art performances along the river. <b>CIRCLE ONE NUMBER for each,</b> to indicate your degree of opposition or support.	DEGREE OF OPPOSITION OR SUPPORT						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Accommodate increased commercial navigation (barges) on the river.	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Encourage the development of tourism/recreation-based small businesses along or near the river	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Control new residential developments along or near the river.	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK
Develop historic attractions along or near the river	1	2	3	4	5	6	DK

6. As a recreation area, how would you rate the \_\_\_\_\_ River compared to other recreation areas in the \_\_\_\_\_ area? (CIRCLE ONE NUMBER)

1 Much Better	2 Better	3 Somewhat Better	4 Somewhat Worse	5 Worse	6 Much Worse
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7. People may or may not benefit from the _____ River running through the _____ area. CIRCLE ONE NUMBER for each type of benefit listed below to indicate TO WHAT DEGREE the _____ RIVER in this area (and its various facilities, activities and services) has BENEFITTED YOU. For benefits you do not receive at all, simply circle "1".	DEGREE OF BENEFIT RECEIVED				
	Not at All	Slight	Moderate	Large	Very Large
A high quality of life	1	2	3	4	5
Recreational opportunities	1	2	3	4	5
Scenic enjoyment	1	2	3	4	5
Improved community services (police protection, roads)	1	2	3	4	5
High property values	1	2	3	4	5
Employment	1	2	3	4	5
Increased access to parks and hike/bike trails	1	2	3	4	5
Access to natural areas	1	2	3	4	5
Good access to entertainment	1	2	3	4	5
Meeting people from other areas	1	2	3	4	5

<p><b>8.</b> People may or may not experience the types of problems listed below because of recreational use of the _____ River in the _____ area. Please CIRCLE ONE NUMBER for each item below to indicate the degree to which you find it to be a PROBLEM. For items that are not a problems for you, simply circle "1".</p>	DEGREE OF PROBLEM				
	Not at All Serious	Slight Serious	Moderately Serious	Serious	Very Serious
Litter	1	2	3	4	5
Noise	1	2	3	4	5
Fear for safety	1	2	3	4	5
Crowding of hiking trails, parks, and other recreational facilities	1	2	3	4	5
People trespassing on your property	1	2	3	4	5
Vandalism	1	2	3	4	5
Higher property taxes	1	2	3	4	5
Traffic congestion on roads along, or leading to, the river	1	2	3	4	5
Higher cost of goods and services	1	2	3	4	5
Alcohol and drug use along the river	1	2	3	4	5