**Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge’s**

**Green Point Area Community Needs Assessment**

**Saginaw Community Member Questionnaire**

1. Please check ✓ the **one** which best describes your household. For us, outdoor recreation is …..

\_\_\_Very important \_\_\_Moderately important \_\_\_Slightly important \_\_Unimportant

2. Please **circle** eachoutdoor activity in which you or another member of your household participated during the past 12 months in Michigan.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Driving for pleasure |  | Sightseeing |  | Snowshoeing |
| Walking outdoors |  | Hunting |  | Wildlife viewing |
| Bicycling |  | Fishing |  | Nature education/learning |
| Hiking |  | Picnicking |  | Geocaching |
| Running outdoors |  | Canoeing/kayaking |  | Photographing nature |
| Cross-country skiing |  | Relaxing outdoors |  | Volunteering: Nature Education |
| Volunteering: Habitat |  | Volunteering: Trails |  | Other (Write in): |

3. Of those activities checked in Question 2 above, which activity do you value as most important, 2nd most important and 3rd most important to your household?

1st \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3rd\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. During the past 12 months, have you or another member of your household visited the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge’s …

Green Point Environmental Learning Center (GPELC) building/facilities \_\_Yes \_\_No

Green Point area other than the Environmental Learning Center \_\_Yes \_\_No

**If you answered “No” to both choices, please go to Question 5. If you answered Yes to one or both choices, please go to Question 6.**

5. If you did not visit the Green Point Environmental Learning Center or any other part of the Green Point Area in the past 12 months, please **circle** the reasons below that explain why you have not visited.

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| Lack of time |  | Poor health |  | Not interested |
| Personal safety concerns |  | Lack of transportation |  | Lack of information |
| Other (Please write in): | | | | |

Which ONE reason is most important in your decision not to visit Green Point? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Please skip to Question 12 if you have not visited the Green Point Area of Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge in the last 12 months**.

6. If you or another member of your household visited the Green Point Environmental Learning Center or any other part of the Green Point Area in the past 12 months, what were the activities in which you participated? Please **circle** all that apply.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Driving for pleasure |  | Sightseeing |  | Snowshoeing |
| Walking outdoors |  | Fishing |  | Wildlife viewing |
| Bicycling |  | Picnicking |  | Nature education/learning |
| Hiking |  | Canoeing/kayaking |  | Geocaching |
| Running outdoors |  | Relaxing outdoors |  | Photographing nature |
| Cross-country skiing |  | Attend public event |  | Volunteering: Habitat |
| Volunteering: Nature Education |  | Volunteering: Trails |  | Other (Please write in): |

7. Of those activities circled above, which activity do you value as most important, 2nd most important and 3rd most important to your household in visiting Green Point?

1st \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 3rd\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. For those Green Point Area visits by you or other household members, please indicate how satisfied you were (*check one box*).

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Very Dissatisfied | Dissatisfied | Neither dissatisfied nor satisfied | Satisfied | Very Satisfied |
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9. What is the ONE most important reason for your rating in Question 8?

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10. For those Green Point Area visits by you or other household members, please indicate your personal sense of safety (*check one box*).

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Very Unsafe | Unsafe | Neither unsafe nor safe | Safe | Very Safe |
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11. What is the ONE most important reason for your rating of personal safety?

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12. Please rate your support regarding the following citizen suggested ideas for the Green Point Area. Place a checkmark ✓ in the appropriate box to indicate your level of support or opposition to each suggestion using the table below.

| **Suggested Uses or Opportunities for the Green Point Area** | **Strongly Oppose** | **Oppose** | **Neutral** | **Support** | **Strongly Support** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Link the Green Point Area to public non-motorized trails in the Saginaw area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Develop a non-motorized trail system at the Green Point Area accessible to the disabled |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide facilities accessible to those with disabilities in the Green Point Area, including benches and rest rooms |  |  |  |  |  |
| Offer additional public education and information programs and activities about the Green Point Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Install live internet camera to show unique wildlife activity at the Green Point Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enhance public transportation opportunities to the Green Point Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Better communicate with the public about programs, initiatives, volunteer opportunities and habitat projects in the Green Point Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Limit tall vegetation/trees in the Green Point Area near homes in favor of shorter grasses and wildflowers |  |  |  |  |  |
| Renovate the existing Green Point Environmental Learning Center with improved teaching technology, energy efficiencies and more capacity to host visitors |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide enhanced fishing opportunities within the Green Point Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide trail access to the Tittabawassee River, including for those with disabilities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide opportunities for community service at the Green Point Area through habitat restoration and other projects |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strengthen links between the Green Point Area and local K-12 schools to promote scientific learning |  |  |  |  |  |

Which **ONE** suggestion above do you **most** support? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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13. The Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge would appreciate your opinion on some other options for the Green Point Area that were not brought up in the public meetings. Please place a checkmark ✓ in the appropriate box to indicate your level of support or opposition to each suggestion using the table below.

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| **Suggested Uses or Opportunities for the Green Point Area** | **Strongly Oppose** | **Oppose** | **Neutral** | **Support** | **Strongly Support** |
| Provide additional parking along Maple Street |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emphasize a self-contained trail system within the Green Point Area rather than a trail system connected to other trails in the community |  |  |  |  |  |
| Enhance use of the area for outdoor physical fitness |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide picnic tables throughout the Green Point Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provide a pavilion for an outdoor classroom and other public use |  |  |  |  |  |
| Allow leashed dogs within portions of the Green Point Area |  |  |  |  |  |
| Place emphasis on hardened, non-paved trails over paved trails |  |  |  |  |  |
| Place emphasis on paved trails over hardened, non-paved trails |  |  |  |  |  |

14. Please write ONE other opportunity/suggestion you propose for the Green Point Area that was not mentioned in Question 12 or 13. If you have no additional suggestion, please leave blank.

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15. What ONE most important action could Refuge staff take to encourage you to initially visit or visit the Green Point Area more frequently?

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16. The Green Point Area and Green Point Environmental Learning Center of the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge are public lands that help meet the outdoor recreation needs for the community. Please tell us if you or others in your household have visited these other public lands in the past 12 months.

Areas of the Shiawassee National Refuge besides the Green Point Area \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Shiawassee River State Game Area (Managed by MI DNR) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Rust Street Boat Launch on Saginaw R. (Managed by City of Saginaw) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Wickes Park (Managed by City of Saginaw) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Saginaw Valley Rail Trail (Managed by Saginaw County) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Immerman Park (Managed by Saginaw County) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Center Rd Boat Launch on Tittabawassee R. (Managed by Saginaw Twp) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

West Michigan Park (managed by Saginaw Township) \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

*Please tell us a little bit about yourself. Your answers to these questions will help further characterize visitors to National Wildlife Refuges. Please remember that all information is entirely confidential.*

17. What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

18. How long have you lived in Saginaw County \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_years

19. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ years

20. What is your gender? \_\_ Male \_\_ Female

21. What ethnicity do you consider yourself to be?

\_\_Hispanic or Latino

\_\_Not Hispanic or Latino

22. What race or races do you consider yourself to be? Please check all that apply.

\_\_American Indian or Alaska Native

\_\_Asian

\_\_Black or African American

\_\_Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

\_\_White

\_\_Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

23. Please check the highest degree or level of school you have completed.

\_\_Less than high school graduate

\_\_High school graduate/GED

\_\_Vocational or Technical School certificate

\_\_Some college, not yet graduated

\_\_Associate’s college degree

\_\_Bachelor’s college degree

\_\_Master’s, PhD or Professional Degree

24. Check all that apply concerning your current work status.

\_\_\_Full-time employed

\_\_\_Part-time employed

\_\_\_Self-employed

\_\_\_Homemaker

\_\_\_Student

\_\_\_Retired

\_\_\_Unemployed

25. Including you, how many people live in your household? \_\_\_\_\_\_ # people

25a.Of your household, how many are under 18 years of age? \_\_\_\_\_\_ # people

25b.Of your household, are any disabled in a way that

significantly impacts their ability to work or recreate? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Please add any comments below regarding your opinions related to Green Point.

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Thanks! Please mail the completed survey back in the postage paid envelope to me.

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