

**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** each outdoor activity in which you or another member of your household participated during the past 12 months in Michigan.

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.

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: We estimate it will take you 20 minutes to complete the survey, including time to read instructions, gather information, complete, and submit the assessment. We will use the information to assist with meeting community needs related to outdoor recreation opportunities that are compatible with refuge purposes and ecological restoration goals of the Service. Your response is voluntary. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. You may submit comments on any aspect of this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. Please do not send your survey to this address.

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.

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? _____

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.

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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. What is the ONE most important reason for your rating in Question 8?

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

Very Unsafe	Unsafe	Neither unsafe nor safe	Safe	Very Safe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. What is the ONE most important reason for your rating of personal safety?

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					

Suggested Uses or Opportunities for the Green Point Area	Strongly Oppose	Oppose	Neutral	Support	Strongly Support
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? _____

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.

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.

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

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Shiawassee River State Game Area (Managed by MI DNR)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Rust Street Boat Launch on Saginaw R. (Managed by City of Saginaw)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Wickes Park (Managed by City of Saginaw)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Saginaw Valley Rail Trail (Managed by Saginaw County)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Immerman Park (Managed by Saginaw County)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Center Rd Boat Launch on Tittabawassee R. (Managed by Saginaw Twp)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
West Michigan Park (managed by Saginaw Township)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

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

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