

NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

Landowner Questionnaire

Landowner Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

This form will help you think through your interests in the current use and future uses of your property. Working your way through the questionnaire will prepare you to discuss the development of a land protection tool that meets both your needs and those of the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Please answer each question, but if you feel a question does not apply to your property, please mark it "n/a." This form will be used in drafting a Conservation Easement Agreement for your property. All information on this form will be considered confidential.

1. Is your property located at the address above? Yes No
If no, where is the property located? (property address and general directions) _____

(township and county) _____

(acreage) _____

(tax parcel number) _____

2. Do you have clear title to the property? If there is any size mortgage on the property, or if the property is used as collateral for any loan, the answer is NO. Yes No

If yes, do you have title insurance? Yes No

If no, who is the mortgage lender? _____

3. Are there any co-owners of the property? Yes No

If yes, who are they? _____

4. Have the stone, coal, oil, or gas rights been severed from the property? Yes No

If yes, please describe: _____

5. Is your property leased for oil or gas exploration/development? Yes No

If yes, who is the lessee? _____

If no, would you lease the property for oil or gas exploration/development? Yes No

6. Are there any other outstanding interests or rights-of-way on the property? Yes No
If yes, please describe: _____

7. Do you have a copy of any of the following regarding the property:

- professional survey
- aerial photograph
- soil survey
- assessor's parcel map (tax map)
- timber/resource management plan
- deed
- other easements associated with the property
- right-of-way agreements
- title insurance
- other environmental/historical/cultural information relating to the property

8. What are the resources on the property that you believe deserve protection?

(check all that apply)

- open space
- water resources
- forest land
- prime agricultural land
- wetlands
- wildlife habitat
- historic structure
- scenic viewshed
- endangered species
- other

9. In what year did you (personally) acquire this property? _____

10. Was the property owned by other relatives in your family before you obtained it? Yes No

If yes, about how many years has it been in the family? _____

11. Do you intend to pass the property on to your children or other relatives? Yes No

If yes, who (son, daughter, cousin, etc.) _____

How long do you expect to own the property? _____

12. Are the boundaries of the property marked or otherwise apparent (via roads, field edges, hedgerows, fences)? Yes No Maybe (some sections clear, some not)

Describe the boundaries: _____

13. How many houses are currently on the property? _____
Do you want to reserve the right to build additional residences? Yes No
If yes, how many and where? _____

14. What other buildings are on the property? _____

15. Do you wish to retain the right to subdivide? Yes No
If yes, how many subdivisions would you like to make in the future? _____
How many acres would these subdivisions be? _____

16. Please rate the importance of each of the following uses of your property: (1 = most important, 5 = not important at all, cross out those that do not apply to your property)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | firewood |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | aesthetics/beauty |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | hiking |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | wildlife observation/nature study |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | preservation of current forest atmosphere |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | source of income |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | privacy from neighbors |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | hunting |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | fishing |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | maintain or enhance biodiversity |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | commercial or industrial use |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | real estate investment |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | agriculture |

1	2	3	4	5	creation of water impoundments (ponds or lakes)
1	2	3	4	5	cultural history
1	2	3	4	5	timber production
1	2	3	4	5	protection of unique geologic features
1	2	3	4	5	protection of a natural community
1	2	3	4	5	recreational access
1	2	3	4	5	maintain for future building site(s)
1	2	3	4	5	future subdivision
1	2	3	4	5	maintain all or part as horse farm
1	2	3	4	5	commercial feedlot
1	2	3	4	5	waste dump
1	2	3	4	5	mineral, oil, and gas development
1	2	3	4	5	signs and billboards

17. For each of the land management practices listed below, please check those you've done in the last 10 years:

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| <input type="radio"/> Firewood cutting | <input type="radio"/> Building brush piles for wildlife |
| <input type="radio"/> Planting trees | <input type="radio"/> Farming of a tillable crop |
| <input type="radio"/> Deer fencing | <input type="radio"/> Erosion and sedimentation controls |
| <input type="radio"/> Livestock fencing along streams | <input type="radio"/> Building roads |
| <input type="radio"/> Timber sale | <input type="radio"/> Weed control |
| <input type="radio"/> Timber cutting for wildlife habitat | <input type="radio"/> Building trails |
| <input type="radio"/> Planting/seeding wildlife food plots | <input type="radio"/> Controlled burning |
| <input type="radio"/> Tapping for maple syrup | <input type="radio"/> Management of spring seeps |
| <input type="radio"/> Stream bank stabilization | <input type="radio"/> Improvement of timber stand |
| <input type="radio"/> Fish habitat structures | <input type="radio"/> Insect and disease control |
| <input type="radio"/> Building/installing nesting boxes | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other: _____ | |

18. What practices listed above are things that you would like to do on your property sometime in the future? _____

19. Are there other practices that you would like to reserve the right or ability to do at some point in the future? _____

20. Have you harvested timber on your property in the last 10 years? Yes No

If yes, please check the PRIMARY reasons why you chose to harvest:

Believed timber was mature

Part of land clearing operation

Needed income

Management plan called for a harvest

Needed timber for own use

Wanted to improve wildlife habitat

Salvage dead or dying trees (from insect or disease mortality, windthrow, etc.)

Other _____

21. If your property contains agricultural land, is this land currently in production? Yes No

If yes, What crops are currently grown? _____

What crops have been grown in the past 10 years? _____

Who farms the property? _____

22. Is there is a livestock operation utilizing the property? Yes No

If yes, what animals are on the property? _____

How many animals are there? _____

23. Is there any historical significance to the property? Yes No

If yes, briefly describe this significance _____

24. Have you ever received any on-site assistance in managing the property? Yes No
If yes, what was the nature of the assistance? _____

25. Summarize your primary interests and concerns in the stewardship of your land: _____

26. Many farms and woodlots have areas where previous owners may have piled household trash and farm waste. Please list any areas on your property that this occurred. _____

27. How did you hear about the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy? _____

29. Do you have any particular questions or concerns regarding your property and working with the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy? _____

This information was provided honestly and to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

After completing the questionnaire, please mail it to the Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy at:

PO Box 2083
Williamsport, PA 17703

NPC's staff will review this questionnaire and contact you to discuss it and arrange for a visit to your property.