



The Benzie Conservation District is currently working on a Natural Resource Assessment. This endeavor takes place every five years. The District is seeking public feedback in order to complete this process. Those who participate will be entered into a drawing for a \$10, \$25 or \$50 Gift Certificate towards our BCD merchandise and/or seedling sale products. *Please provide your email at the beginning of the survey to be entered into the drawing.*  
**Please respond to this survey by February 25, 2022.**

**Please enter a valid email:**

**1. What is your five digit zip code?**

**2. How long have you lived in Benzie County?**

Less than 1 year

1-5 years

6-10 years

More than 10 years

**3. How much property do you own in Benzie County?**

None/Rent

0-2 acres

2-10 acres

11-40 acres

41-100 acres

Over 100 acres

**4. How would you describe the setting in which you live?**

Urban (city or village)

Suburban

Rural Residential

Farm

**5. Please check the one category which best applies to you.**

Builder/Developer

Government employee or official

Small business owner or operator

Conservation/environmental organization

Government agency

Farmer

Homeowner

Other

**6. If you are responding on behalf of a business, agency or organization, please list the name of the business, agency or organization.**

**7. What sources do you use to keep informed about news and information concerning natural resource issues in Benzie County? You may select multiple options.**

Local newspaper

Meetings of local government

Word of mouth

Local cable TV

Internet

- Member of habitat organization
- Member of farming organization
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)
- District newsletter email version
- Other

**8. Please select three natural resources that you value the most in Benzie County.**

- Lakes, rivers, streams
- Dunes
- State and/or national forests
- Parks, nature preserves, and recreation areas
- Hunting land
- Agricultural land
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Please select the Top 3 *Land Use* issues that you think will be of concern over the next 5 years in Benzie County.**

- Loss of farmland/urban sprawl
- Loss of natural areas and open space
- Degradation of city/village downtown areas
- Increasing impervious surfaces
- Adequate planning/zoning for development and growth management by local governments
- Other

**10. Please select the Top 3 *Water Quality* issues that you think will be of concern over the next 5 years in Benzie County.**

- Non-point source soil erosion and sedimentation
- Residential fertilizer/pesticide management
- Agricultural cropland drainage concerns
- Groundwater supply protection and management
- Lakes and rivers needing clean-up
- Storm water management
- Agricultural fertilizer/pesticide use/management
- Aging and failed septic systems
- Surface water supply protection and management
- Loss of wetlands
- Inadequate wetland/riparian protection
- Aquatic invasive species
- Shoreline over-development
- Other

**11. Please select the Top 3 *Wildlife and Habitat* issues that you think will be of concern over the next 5 years in Benzie County.**

- Destruction of wildlife habitat
- Loss of native landscape and biodiversity
- Wildlife damage to property, landscaping, or agricultural crops
- Climate change
- Wildlife survival
- Lack of public hunting access

Invasive plant and animal species

Loss of connected natural systems

Loss of wetlands

Other

**12. What do you feel are the most important conservation practices offered or services you feel Benzie Conservation District should focus on in the next 5 years?**

**13. What is the most important change or improvement in service you think Benzie Conservation District should do to help you on your land or in your community? (Programs, activities, information, etc.)**

**14. What conservation activities do you practice on your land or in your home?**

**15. Many people utilize natural resources for recreation or other purposes. Please select from the ones available below. You may select multiple choices.**

Hunting

Hiking

Farming

Bird watching

Backyard orchard

Home gardening

- Depend on well water for drinking supply
- Depend on well water for irrigation
- Fishing
- Camping
- Firewood
- Boating/paddling
- Swimming
- Foraging
- Other

**16. Have you participated in BCD programming? You may select multiple choices.**

- Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS)
- Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP)
- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
- BCD Workshop/event
- Volunteered at any function or event
- Invasive Species Network (ISN)
- Forestry Assistance Program (FAP)
- Seedling sale
- Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**17. Do you have any additional comments you would like to share with us?**