

School Forest Needs Assessment

Name: _____

Position: _____ School: _____

Subjects taught: _____

School Forest Use

1. Do you know that the school district has a school forest? ___yes ___no
2. Have you ever used the school forest? ___yes ___no
If yes, how?
3. Are you currently using or do you intend to use the school forest this school year? ___yes ___no. If yes, how many times did/will you take students to the school forest this year?
4. Did you ever encounter problems that prevented your use of the school forest? ___yes ___no. If yes, what were the problems?
5. If you aren't currently utilizing the school forest, do you have an interest in doing so? ___yes ___no

6. How might you use the school forest to enhance your classroom instruction or other school-related activities?

School forest facilities

7. Are the current facilities at the school forest adequate? ___yes ___no

8. The following is a list of potential improvements to the school forest. Check all of the improvements that will result enhance your use of the school forest.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve existing trails (clear and make accessible) | <input type="checkbox"/> Build restrooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Develop new trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Build an education shelter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Create a trail map | <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a challenge course |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build/repair stream crossings | <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a ski trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build pond access | <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a fitness course |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Build bog boardwalk | <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue timber sales and harvesting practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare map of school forest (and directions to get there) | <input type="checkbox"/> Others – Please list: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve parking lot | |

School Forest Logistics

What areas do you feel need to be improved to better utilize the school forest?

___ Transportation to and from the school forest

Suggestions:

___ Scheduling of classes at the school forest

Suggestions:

___ Safety considerations while at the school forests

Suggestions:

___ Others – Please list:

School Forest Equipment and Materials

Please list materials and equipment that would enhance your activities at the school forest:

Professional Development

Do you feel you have enough knowledge of natural resources and environmental education (forestry, soils, wildlife, water, etc.) to effectively utilize the school forest? ___yes ___no

On what topics would you like more information?

Which professional development opportunities would be most valuable to you (select as many as you wish)?

___ Content (background information on forests, wildlife, water, soils, etc.)

___ Outdoor education methods

___ Environmental education (background information on EE, how can it be used, state EE standards)

___ Environmental education curriculum (e.g., LEAF, PLT, WET, Wild)

___ Forest management

___ School forest development and administration

___ Other – Please list _____

School Forest Administration

8. Are you interested in serving on an advisory committee for the school forest as outdoor classrooms? ___yes ___no

9. Are you interested in helping to write the school district's school forest education plan (a stipend may be available)? ___yes ___no

THANK YOU!