

**Questionnaire For 2021-2035 Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan
Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting #2 of 3: Focus on Soil, Water, Fish and Wildlife**

Instructions:

The following questions are intended to gather written feedback from members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group. Group members are encouraged to contact Matt Hansen, County Forest Administrator, at (715) 738-2599 or mhansen@co.chippewa.wi.us for clarification of the questions.

Group Members are encouraged to review all materials and questions prior to developing final answers.

Written answers to the questions provided below can be provided to the County Forest Administrator through **May 14, 2020**. We hope this allows enough time for stakeholders and other members of the groups they represent to consider this round of questions as well as those from other meetings.

A fillable PDF copy of this questionnaire is available by clicking on this link: [“County Forest Plan Update”](#). Completed forms can be submitted to the County in hard copy or electronically.

Please feel free to attach additional pages as necessary.

Introduction / Background:

The Chippewa County Forest is comprised of approximately 34,654 acres. The majority of this acreage is located in the Towns of Sampson (16 %), Cleveland (22 %), Ruby (23 %), and Birch Creek (34 %). This acreage includes seven (7) “County Forest Special Units” dispersed throughout the County.

The Chippewa County is located in an ecological transition area, defined as the “Wisconsin tension zone”, where the native plant communities common to southern Wisconsin (Grassland Prairie and Oak Savanna) transition to native plant communities common to northern Wisconsin (Pine, Spruce and Hemlock).

The Chippewa County Forest is located on and adjacent the Chippewa end moraine which marks the furthest extent of the most recent glacial advances. As a result of these advances, the geology and topography of the County forest is complex, characterized by glacial deposits and associated landforms mapped as end moraine, ground moraine, pitted outwash and associated melt water features. As a result of its location and physical setting, the environment and ecology of the Chippewa County Forest is inherently diverse.

The Chippewa Forest has been highly managed by the County and DNR for over 70 years using principals forest, wildlife and environmental management. As a result of these factors the Chippewa County Forest now offers a very high quality environment and diverse ecological system that supports a wide range of habitat for both game and nongame species.

A flowage is a man-made lake created by and impoundment/dam which restricts the flow of a river or stream with a water control structure. Water control structures allow managers to raise and lower the level of the lake by increasing or restricting the flow through the structure. There are 18 flowages across the County Forest which have a combined surface area of approximately 400 acres and collectively drain 11,300 acres. Funding secured by local hunting organizations facilitated construction between 1960 and 1970 as part of a game management waterfowl project. A habitat management plan completed in 2015

