

# PROJECT W<sup>2</sup>ONDER

## Community Survey

### Special Note: Survey Creation

*The computer software we used to create the survey allowed for “logic” to be assigned to these questions. Depending on how the user answered their first question, they may be automatically moved to different questions or parts of the survey. There is no way to note that in the questions below as it was built into the survey software as we loaded questions.*

### Opening statement

PROJECT W<sup>2</sup>ONDER will design collaborative, Win-Win, community-based relationships in environmental education and stewardship, while informing school Environmental Literacy Plans and supporting career readiness for local citizens.

### Survey Questions - Community Focused

- Are you a resident of the local community?
  - Caroline
  - Essex
  - Middlesex
- If yes, please provide your zip code.
- How knowledgeable do you consider yourself to be about the natural environment of Virginia's Middle Peninsula?  
Scale is listed as 0 (Not knowledgeable at all) to 10 (Very knowledgeable)
- Please indicate your age range.
- Please rate how appealing these activities are to you.  
Choices: I'm ready! Let's do it!, Sounds interesting. I'll think about it., I'll pass, thanks.
  - Outdoor festivals
  - Being on or near the water.
  - Camping, hiking, exploring nature
  - Gardening
  - Serving as a mentor
  - Creating nature themed art
  - Reading or writing about nature
  - Cooperative gardening
  - Monitoring water quality of a local stream
- Which of the following best describes your relationship to local schools?
  - Current K-12 student in public, private or home school
  - Parent/Guardian of current k-12 student

- Current employee of public, private school
  - Education partner providing support to schools
  - Current student at local college or university
  - Current employee of local college or university
  - Business owner in school community
  - School volunteer
  - Former student or parent
  - No connection to local schools
  - Other
- Please briefly elaborate on your personal relationship with schools. (open ended)
- Please rate how the following statements apply to you.  
Choices: Yes, that's me!, Somewhat applies to me., No this isn't me.
    - I'd like to help young people learn about the environment.
    - I could be a chaperone for school field trips.
    - I am interested in action projects that benefit my community.
    - I would be interested in supporting PROJECT W2ONDER financially.
- Please rate the urgency of each of the following, in regards to the Middle Peninsula natural environment.  
Rating: Very important, Moderately important, little importance
    - Protecting local waterways
    - Adapting to climate change
    - Conserving natural resources (water, soil, wildlife, etc.)
    - Ensuring the next generation is environmentally literate
    - Planting natives/controlling invasive species
    - Reducing waste/recycling
    - Sustainable agriculture, fisheries, recreation, and tourism
- How important is citizen input to school curriculum?  
Scale is 1 to 10. 1=Professional educators should develop curriculum mostly without citizen input, 10=citizens should provide input into most of what and how our children learn in school.
- As a PROJECT W<sup>2</sup>ONDER stakeholder, please select five items below you think would have the highest value for your school(s).
    - Outdoor learning experiences at all grade levels
    - Outdoor classrooms at each school
    - Funding for environmental education at the local, state and federal levels
    - Support from community partners
    - Gardens on school campuses
    - After-school outdoor programs and clubs
    - Student-led community action projects at the high school level
    - "Green Schools" recognitions and awards for individual schools and school systems

- Free professional development opportunities and credits in environmental education
- Other
- Would you be interested in serving on a Local Steering Committee that provides input to the Environmental Literacy Plan for your district?  
Choices: Absolutely! Please contact me so I can learn how., Maybe, I'd like to learn more first., Not at this time.

#### Survey Questions - Public School Personnel

- Please identify your role as an employee of a public, private or home school system  
Select all that apply.
  - I am a teacher.
  - I serve on an administrative team.
  - I provide classroom support.
  - I am a food service team member.
  - I work with building and grounds crew.
  - I serve as a health care professional or counselor.
  - I serve on the local school board.
  - I am a private contractor.
  - I am retired school personnel.
  - Other.

#### Other Demographic Questions

- Gender
- Race/ethnicity
- Which category best describes your highest level of education
- Total annual household income
- Identify as having a disability
- First/Last Name, Email, Telephone

Do you know anyone else who has a meaningful connection to the Middle Peninsula of Virginia? If so, are you willing to share this survey with them? Yes, No