

## Treasuring Home Survey (Henrietta)

### Sustainable Communities Program: Stage 1 Survey

*Practicing good environmental stewardship daily is a vital way to make a positive contribution to the environment where you live. Henrietta is a member of the Audubon International Sustainable Communities Program (SCP), which is helping take existing sustainability projects a step further to create a long-term, comprehensive sustainability program for the community. For the SCP certification process, Henrietta is preparing to develop a community-wide plan, with community input, to implement best practices across a range of focus areas.*

*This survey is a first opportunity for you to give input into that process. Please check which actions you regularly take to support community efforts that enhance and protect the environment for present and future generations.*

I do the following things to protect the natural resources and unique landscapes where I live (please check all that apply):

#### -- INDOORS--

- Practice good habits. I am in the habit of conserving water and energy.
- Save water by shutting it off during teeth brushing and shaving; take shorter showers; and run appliances on full loads.
- Reduce waste. Consider what I need, buy products that last, and avoid overly packaged items.
- Choose reusable products.
- Recycle paper, glass, plastic, and metal; purchase products with recycled content.
- Make inexpensive upgrades, such as installing low-flow add-ons like faucet aerators.
- Replace older, large tank toilets with low-flush models.
- Conduct a home energy audit and keep your air-conditioner tuned up.
- Switch to compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Invest in home improvements, such as better insulation and energy efficient appliances.
- I don't do any of these.

#### --OUTDOORS AT HOME--

- Landscape primarily with native species of trees, shrubs, and flowers.
- Leave some natural areas for wildlife in your yard, such as hedgerows and shrubby areas.
- Maintain water for wildlife, such as a bird bath, small pool, or pond.
- Plant various heights and types of plants, from ground cover to shrubs and trees.
- Protect water quality through proper lawn care, auto repair, and septic maintenance.
- Maintain healthy soils for a healthy lawn.
- Mow the lawn at the proper height and with sharp blades to keep it healthy and looking good.
- Reduce or eliminate the use of harmful chemicals in your yard.
- Get to know your region by becoming more familiar with local natural areas, plants, and wildlife.
- Use water wisely outdoors to maximize efficiency and minimize waste.
- I don't do any of these.

--BEYOND YOUR BACKYARD--

- Share your success. Encourage family and friends to participate in environmental stewardship activities.
- Take good stewardship to work. Businesses can save resources and money by improving environmental performance.
- Get involved with staff naturalist, local homeowners, or neighborhood group to implement neighborhood environmental stewardship projects.
- Purchase locally-grown and -produced products and goods when possible.
- Purchase recycled products and goods when possible.
- Drive smart! Combine trips, carpool or use public transportation when possible, and purchase an energy efficient vehicle.
- Offer to help a local school get involved in environmental education and stewardship.
- Organize or participate in community-wide environmental improvement projects.
- Support the protection of local natural assets, such as wetlands, agricultural lands, or wildlife habitats.
- Participate in community planning efforts in support of local conservation and environmentally sensitive growth.
- Participate in Audubon International's Sustainable Communities Program activities.
- I don't do any of these.

Please rank the importance of the following areas of community sustainability based on your priorities for the Henrietta community (assign ranking 1-15 to each focus area, with 1 as the highest priority area)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Agriculture (food sourcing, farmers market, community gardens)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Economic Development/Tourism (Discover Oldfield packages, ecotourism)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education (fostering environmental awareness)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environment (air, water, wildlife)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Governance (internal management, policies and procedures for sustainability)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Health
- \_\_\_\_\_ Housing (green building, diversity of options)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Open Space and Land Use (natural areas, types of development)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Planning, Zoning, Building & Development (green building, reuse)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Population (diversity, equity)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Safety and Emergency Management (resilience)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Resource Use (energy, water use, waste)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation (walking/biking-friendly, path connectivity, reducing vehicle use)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteerism & Civic Engagement (service projects, voting)

*We'd like to find out more about your thoughts regarding the environment and your community. Please take a moment to complete this section about your preferences for the community's actions.*

What actions would you like to see your community take to address environmental concerns?

#### WASTE

- Reduce waste generated
- Provide clearer directions for recycling
- Expand recycling services
- Increase recycling participation rates
- Address waste disposal issues (e.g., pick-up, waste transfer, landfill, incinerator)

#### ENERGY

- Conserve energy
- Work toward energy independence (i.e. produce all energy on site)
- Promote renewable or alternative energy sources

#### COMMUNITY/SUSTAINABILITY

- Improve recreational opportunities
- Promote community service
- Improve resident compliance with community standards
- Expand shared transportation options
- Expand pedestrian and bicycle trails
- Promote natural heritage/historic tourism
- Focus on community sustainability issues (e.g., quality of life, economy, environment, social needs, w/o depleting resources for future generations)

#### OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- Expand opportunities for youth to learn about the environment
- Educate and involve homeowners in environmental/conservation initiatives or programs
- Expand environmental initiatives
- Enhance nature trails
- Use signage to highlight environmentally-significant community assets

#### WATER

- Conserve water
- Ensure sustainable water supplies
- Protect drinking water quality
- Minimize stormwater runoff
- Improve water quality in lakes, rivers, etc.
- Improve water-based recreation opportunities

## LAND

- Conduct a community-wide assessment of natural areas and resources
- Protect and enhance wildlife and habitats
- Preserve open space/natural areas
- Protect and enhance scenic vistas
- Promote local foods, conserve community garden

Please list the two most valuable assets in your community, and be as specific as possible (i.e., a park, the waterfront, business district, golf course, historical structures, etc)

Asset 1

Asset 2

Please list skills or expertise that you would be willing to share to improve your community:

Other comments related to Henrietta's sustainability efforts:

I am a...

- Resident       Visitor       Staff

### Name and Contact Information

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City/Town

State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP/Postal Code

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