



Lebanon Township wants to hear from YOU!!

Please take a few minutes to answer 10 questions in an online survey by March 22

Lebanon Township is creating a forest stewardship master plan for public forests owned by the Township

Funded by a grant from the Highlands Council, this plan will provide guidance regarding how to better care for our forests. Creating this plan involves multiple steps including [selecting the goals](#) and [soliciting feedback from stakeholders](#).

Eight goals were identified to help determine which action-oriented objectives and stewardship recommendations are will be included in the plan for public forests owned by Lebanon Township:

- 1) Protect and improve water quality, which includes managing forests to reduce erosion, runoff, and pollution into streams and wetlands
- 2) Reduce non-native invasive plants like barberry, stiltgrass, mile-a-minute, bamboo, etc.
- 3) Reduce grazing of overabundant deer which heavily impacts forest vegetation
- 4) Increase passive outdoor public recreation such as hiking, fishing, wildlife viewing, etc.
- 5) Increase the ability of water to enter the ground and recharge the groundwater supply
- 6) Increase habitat for a diversity of native wildlife
- 7) Reduce impacts of forest pests and diseases like emerald ash borer, beech leaf disease, etc.
- 8) Increase vegetation diversity to help forests survive droughts and warmer temperatures

Let us know what you think about these goals for public forests owned by Lebanon Township

Click [here](#) to take the survey by March 22
or visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P25W3KB>.

You may also email us at ltenv@lebtwp.net or provide comments in person at one of our meetings (7pm on March 4 or April 9 at the municipal building).