

WATERSHED RESTORATION ACTION STRATEGY (WRAS) GALISTEO WATERSHED

Questions for Watershed Communities

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By the WRAS Committee for the Galisteo Watershed
In Collaboration with Earth Works Institute

Dear Community Member and Watershed Resident,

Since 1998, **Earth Works Institute (EWI)** of Cerrillos has coordinated the **Galisteo Watershed Restoration Project (GWRP)**. In 2001, EWI wrote a long-term strategy plan (WRAS) for the watershed. In order to update this plan EWI has established a committee of landowners and stakeholders in the watershed to help revise the plan and generate input from as broad a local audience as possible. It is **our goal** to form a watershed association and help conserve and rehabilitate vital ecological functions and natural resources in the watershed, such as productive and water-absorbing soils, ground water reserves, vegetation cover, and wildlife habitat.

We invite you to fill out this questionnaire and return it to EWI. Your response will greatly help us gauge the breadth and depth of ecological concerns and solutions of residents like you in our Galisteo watershed. We ask that you be succinct and discrete in your answers. For privacy reasons, we ask you not to state your name or to disclose any specifics about your neighbors. Please feel free to use the back of the sheets to write out longer answers to the questions, while making reference to the specific question number.

The information you provide will be analyzed together with all other questionnaires. We will use the survey findings in the new WRAS. We plan to have a Draft version of the WRAS completed by December 20, 2003. In the winter of 2004, we will make the Draft WRAS available for public comment. After review of comments, we plan to have the final WRAS available by May 2004. EWI is producing the WRAS under a contract with the New Mexico Environment Department. WRAS Committee members include: James Crain, Dr. David Henkel, Mark Kaltenbach, Alice Loy, Thor Sigstedt, Sigmund Silber, Tracey Williams, and Jan-Willem Jansens.

Please call **Jan-Willem Jansens or Tracey Williams at 982-9806** if you need more background information about this survey.

THANK YOU!

Please send your questionnaire to:
Earth Works Institute, Attn: WRAS
1413 Second Street, Suite 4
Santa Fe, NM 87505

1. In what neighborhood or community do you live and/or own land? (Please circle all that apply)

Glorieta – Valencia – Apache Canyon – Apache Ridge area – Canada de los Alamos –
Upper Canoncito – Lower Canoncito – Rowe Mesa – Ojo de la Vaca – Lamy – Galisteo –
Old Santa Fe Trail – Seton Village – Sunlit Hills – El Dorado – San Marcos area –
Lone Butte – CR 42 – CR 55-A – Cerrillos – Waldo – Rogersville Road – CR 55 –
Goldmine Road – Madrid – Other (please specify): _____

2. How would you want to describe your interest in the area and/or relation to the land (please circle all that apply):

Homeowner – Tenant – Landowner – Rancher – Gardener – Forester – Farmer –
Architect – Landscape architect – Developer – Builder – Land-based Business Owner –
Landscape architect – Contractor – Artist – Naturalist – Alternative/ecological builder – Hiker –
Horse owner – Educator – Photographer – Hunter – Other (please specify): _____

3. To what extent is (storm water) runoff and/or flooding and/or soil erosion a concern in your area? (Please circle those that apply).

_____ Not a concern. Why not?
_____ Yes, it is a concern, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

4. To what extent is lack of/excessive vegetation cover a concern in your area?

_____ Not a concern. Why not?
_____ Yes, it is a concern, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

5. To what extent are soil conditions (water absorption, etc.) a concern in your area?

_____ Not a concern. Why not?
_____ Yes, it is a concern, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

6. To what extent is wind erosion (and effects such as dust in the air, evaporation, loss of soil fertility, etc.) a concern in your area?

Not a concern. Why not?

Yes, it is a concern, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

7. To what extent is the hazard of wildfire a concern in your area?

Not a concern. Why not?

Yes, it is a concern, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

8. To what extent is lack of fire and lack of active vegetation management (such as thinning) a concern in your area?

Not a concern. Why not?

Yes, it is a concern, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

9. To what extent are invasive plant species (such as tamarisk, Russian olive, tumbleweed, locoweed, ragweed, chamisa, juniper, etc.) a concern in your area?

Not a concern. Why not?

Yes, it is a concern, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

10. To what extent is the health and well-being of wildlife a concern in your area?

Not a concern. Why not?

Yes, it is a concern, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

11. To what extent is the pace and nature of development in your area a concern?

Not a concern. Why not?

Yes, it is a concern, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

12. What is the recent history of existing and new wells in your area? Any problems?

No problems. Why not?

Yes, there are problems, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

13. What is the history of seeps and springs in you area? Any problems?

No problems. Why not?

Yes, there are problems, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

14. To what extent are unintended consequences of land restoration measures, water catchment ponds, etc. a concern in your area?

Not a concern. Why not?

Yes, it is a concern, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

15. To what extent would water rights transfers within the Galisteo Watershed affect your area?

No effect. Why not?

Yes, they would affect the area, namely/because _____.

16. To what extent would water transfers from outside the area into the Galisteo Watershed affect your area?

No effect. Why not?

Yes, they would affect the area, namely/because _____.

Would you be willing to be taxed for the cost of water pipelines from outside the area?

17. What would be the environmental, economic and/or social impacts to your neighborhood of having a new source of water for development or domestic use?

No impacts. Why not?

Yes, there would be impacts, namely/because _____.

18. To what extent do you have access to relevant information to address the issues listed above?

Access to information is not a problem. Why not?

Yes, it is a problem, namely/because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

19. To what extent do any of the issues of concern listed above affect real estate prices in your area?

No effect. Why not?

Yes, in particular the following issues affect real estate prices: _____.

They drive up prices / lower prices (circle one).

They do so because _____.

What efforts are made to deal with it?

20. Where do the issues of concern listed above originate? Upstream/ downstream/ neighboring areas/ elsewhere? (Please, circle all that apply).
21. What other concerns do you have regarding the ecological functions and natural resources in the Galisteo watershed?
- _____ No other concerns.
_____ Yes, in particular the following issues of concern: _____.
- What efforts are made to deal with it?
22. Where do you currently look for leadership in watershed-related issues? Is it adequate?
23. What do you think about the need to establish an organization to foster healthier conditions for soil, water, vegetation, wildlife and humans in the Galisteo watershed?
24. What would be the most important issue of concern for your area/neighborhood to be addressed by such a watershed association?
25. Comments, suggestions:

Please relate any interesting **stories**, in particular about the Galisteo Creek, and pass them on to us to enliven our effort and increase public involvement and mutual interest in the area. (For example, stories about adventures in the area, flood events, quicksand incidents, wildlife sightings, interesting people, important achievements, etc.). Please, also share some interesting **literature suggestions** about the Galisteo watershed or watershed related issues. Please send them along with this questionnaire to the address printed below.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

**For more information, please contact Tracey or Jan-Willem at Earth Works
Institute: 505-982-9806, jjcgclp@earthlink.net**

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