Capital Region Service Commission
Commission de Services Régionaux de la Capitale

CRSC RURAL HOUSING & LIVING SURVEY

PURPOSE
This **survey** gathers information about the housing experiences, challenges, and priorities of people living in rural communities. Your feedback will help inform local decisions and support requests to regional and federal governments for funding and resources.

PARTICIPATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY
Participation is voluntary. Your decision to participate will not affect any services or programs you receive. If you agree to participate, select the appropriate consent box below, complete the survey, and leave it to be collected. All responses are anonymous and confidential.

DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME. Instead, create a unique ID using the first initials of your mother's first and last names, followed by the day of the month she was born (for example, FK04).
Unique ID: _____

Consent to participate
Do you consent to participate in this survey? ☐ Yes ☐ No

About You and Your Household

1. **In what community or rural area do you live, and what are the first 3 digits of your postal code?** Community Name : _____ Postal Code (First 3 digits) _____

2. **What is your age group?**
   ☐ Under 18 ☐ 19–24 ☐ 25–40 ☐ 41–50 ☐ 55+

3. **What is your current marital or family status?**
   ☐ Single ☐ Married or Domestic Partnership ☐ Divorsed / Separated ☐ Widowed

4. **Including yourself, how many people currently live in your household?**
   Number of Adults (18 +) _____ Number of Children (Under 18) _____

5. **What is the highest level of education you have completed?**
   ☐ Less than high school ☐ High school or equivalent
   ☐ Community College or Trade Certificate ☐ University Degree

6. **What is your primary employment status?**
   ☐ Full-time employment ☐ Part-time employment ☐ Seasonal employment
   ☐ Self-employed ☐ Retired ☐ Unemployed

Your Housing Situation

7. **Which of the following best describes your current living arrangements?**
   ☐ Own Home (with or without a mortgage) ☐ Renting a home, apartment, or room
   ☐ Temporarily staying with family or friends because I cannot afford my own place
   ☐ Staying in a camper, vehicle, camp, or makeshift shelter
   ☐ Other: _____

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8. **How long have you lived in your current community?**
☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1–5 years ☐ 6–10 years ☐ 11–25 years ☐ Lifetime

9. **Approximately what is your household's total monthly income?**
☐ Under $1,500 ☐ Between $1,501 and $2,500 ☐ Between $2,501 and $4,000
☐ Between $4,001 and $5,500 ☐ Over $5,501

Housing Costs, Challenges, and Access to Support

10. **Does your household spend more than 30% of its total monthly income on housing costs, including rent or mortgage payments, property taxes, heating fuel, electricity, and water?**
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

11. **In the past 12 months, have you experienced any of the following housing challenges? Select all that apply.**
☐ High cost of rent or mortgage payments ☐ High costs of home heating and/or utlities
☐ Unafforable major home repairs such as roof, plumbing, or structure
☐ Lack of suitable housing options in your immediate community ☐ Risk of losing your home
☐ None of these

12. **In the past 12 months, have you cut back on or gone without food, prescriptions or medication, or heating fuel so that you could pay your rent or other housing costs?**
☐ Never ☐ Sometimes / Once in a While ☐ Frequently / Often

13. **If you needed emergency support today—such as a food bank, emergency rental assistance, shelter, or social assistance—how difficult would it be for you to access it in person?**
☐ Extremely difficult (No transportation / services are too far away)
☐ Somewhat difficult but can be managed
☐ Not difficult at all

14. **Which challenges make it difficult to keep your rural housing safe and affordable? Select all that apply.**
☐ High cost of home heating (wood, heating oil, or electric baseboards)
☐ Home maintenance (well water, septic tank pumping, structural repairs)
☐ High cost of gasoline / transportation needed to get to work and/or essential services
☐ Lack of reliable intenet or cell coverage to access remote services or employment
☐ Other: _____

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