

## #CommonsQuest 2: R & D

Please share some basic information about your chosen commons.

This survey is a place to document your in depth research on specific commons or things that you'd like to see become commons. This information will be used to develop the commons directory on the CommonsScope website.

You can contribute to this crowdsourcing effort at a #CommonsQuest event, with your friends or affinity group, or by yourself.

You don't have to answer all the questions. Just answer the ones you're able to answer with a degree of confidence.

Thanks for your contribution to CommonsScope and the commons directory!

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For more info see:

<http://www.thinklikeacommoner.com/>

<http://mappingthecommons.net/en/world/>

<http://blog.14mmm.org/>

1. What is the name of the commons or shared resource?
2. Please share a basic description.
3. In what sense is your commons a commons?
4. Who uses the commons?

Tip: Try to identify all actors. Examples include general public, indigenous people, programmers, lobster fishermen, all people, non-human species, corporations. Name the specific organization or community where applicable.

5. Who manages the commons?
  - No one
  - It doesn't need to be managed
  - A community
  - A trustee
  - An organization
  - A nation, province/state, or city government
  - Other (please specify)
6. Where is the commons located?
  - City
  - State/Province
  - Country

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- Online (include link)
- Not applicable/non-material
- Other

7. What is the scale of activity?

Local

Regional

National

Bioregional

Multinational

Global

Other (please specify)

8. What year was it established/created (if applicable)?

**Tell us about the communities or organizations who manage and use the commons.**

9. What are the specific names of the communities or organizations who use the commons (if applicable)?

10. What community needs are provided for by the commons?

- Food
- Beverages
- Land
- Mobility
- Health
- Culture
- Sense of security
- Housing
- Spaces
- Objects of utility/Tools
- Clothing
- Knowledge
- Skills
- Energy
- Community
- Participation
- Other (please specify)

11. Are the user communities or organizations open or closed to new members?

- Open
- Closed
- Other (please specify)

12. Approximately, how many individual participants are in the user communities?

13. Is the commons managed by the user communities?

- Yes

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- No
- Other (please specify)

14. What are the specific names of the communities or organizations who manage the commons (if applicable)?

15. Are the management communities or organizations open or closed to new members?

- Open
- Closed
- Other (please specify)

16. Approximately, how many individuals actively participate in management of the commons?

17. Are the users involved in the decision-making and dispute resolution processes?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

18. Are the decision-making rights of the participants respected by outside authorities?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

### **What kind of resource or resources are associated with this commons?**

19. What type of resource is it?

Tip: Please specify the type in the multiple choice option and the subtype in the text box below. The suggested types and subtypes are not exhaustive. You may choose more than one category.

- Cultural (e.g. cultural treasures, music, art, creative works, languages, spiritual traditions, fashion, sports)
- Digital (e.g. infrastructure, open source software, open source language, knowledge repository)
- Indigenous Peoples (e.g. agricultural, land, water, fishery, knowledge, spiritual practices, cultural practices)
- Knowledge (e.g. scientific knowledge, ethnobotanical knowledge, history, mathematics, peer production)
- Natural (e.g. atmosphere, oceans, genomes, food seeds, biodiversity, energy, electromagnetic spectrum)
- Social & Civic (e.g. time bank, blood bank, community garden, foragable food, festival, amateur sports league)
- State Trustee Commons (e.g. park, wilderness area, roads, water or electrical utility, sewage/water treatment,
- Subsistence (e.g. lake, forest, fishery, wild game, waterways, agriculture, grazing lands)
- Business embedded in commons (e.g. Community-supported agriculture, farmer's market, cooperative)
- Other

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Include other type below. PLEASE SPECIFY THE SUBTYPE here. If you chose more than one type, list both the type & subtype below to avoid confusion.

20. Is the resource a gift of nature or made by humans?

- Natural
- Produced

21. Is it material or non-material?

Material resources are physical (i.e. the Great Lakes, a park). Examples of non-material resources include knowledge, languages, and websites.

- Material
- Non-material
- Other (please specify)

22. Is the resource depletable? Can it be used up or damaged?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

23. Are some people excluded from using the resource? If so, who?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify)

24. Does the commons generate any type of wealth, benefits or rent? If so, please describe.

An good example of rent is the Alaska Permanent Fund which generates revenue through leases of oil & gas resources. Each citizen of Alaska receives an annual dividend check of more than \$1000.

Benefits could include access to resources that support individual or familial businesses (e.g. communal lobster fisheries provide access to lobsters, communal pastures provide grazing for livestock). Benefits can also include access to essential needs for life (i.e. water, air).

25. Tell us a little more about who benefits and if profit is created by the commons.

- Completely not-for-profit
- Not for private profit but for reinvestment in social purposes and the common good
- Members only benefit
- Other (please specify)

26. Do non-human living beings benefit from this commons? If so, what species and how?

**What agreements, processes, and practices are used to manage the commons?**

27. What organizational form or license is used?

- Conservation easement
- Community land trust (CLT)
- Commons trust nature preserve
- Cooperative
- Creative Commons license
- Credit union
- Free association
- Free License
- GNU license
- Informal organization
- Nonprofit
- Open Database License (ODbL)
- Peer Production (P2P) License
- Peer to Peer (P2P) Network
- Public Domain
- None
- Unknown
- Other (please specify)

28. What decision-making processes are used (if applicable)?

29. What conflict resolution processes are used (if applicable)?

30. What sanctions are used for rule violations (if applicable)?

31. How is the commons protected and nurtured?

32. What other agreements or processes are used (if applicable)?

33. What tasks are necessary to maintain the commons (if applicable)?

34. How much time is necessary to complete the tasks (if applicable)?

**What are the threats to the health of the commons?**

35. On a scale so 1 to 10, what is the overall health of the commons?

1= Exceptionally healthy 10 = Critically damaged, enclosed or privatized

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

36. What are the threats to the health of the commons?

Threat examples include privatization, land grab, pollution, resource depletion, war, GMO's, patents, copyright, dysfunctional management.

37. Who are the actors threatening the health of the commons?

38. Rate the severity of conflict or threat on a scale of 1 to 10.

1 = Minimal; 10 = Extreme

1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10

**Please share any other relevant information.**

39. Please share references, links or any other relevant information in the box below. If you want to share documents or photos you can email them to [contact@commonsparkcollective.org](mailto:contact@commonsparkcollective.org). Put the name of the commons in the message header.

40. Is there anything else you would like to share?