



## JANUARY 2023 CONSERVATION UPDATE

*Your Source for Conservation News in Washtenaw County*

Washtenaw County Conservation District

### 75th Annual Meeting

*Celebrating 75 years of serving Washtenaw County*

**January 19th, 2023  
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

The Glasshouse at Robin Hills Farm Event Center  
20390 Stockbridge Chelsea Rd. (M-52), Chelsea, MI  
Cost is \$20 per person for dinner. RSVP required.



Keynote Presenter:  
Becky Huttenga  
Ottawa County



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*Keynote presentation: "Farmland Protection, Land linking, and the Future of Ag in MI"*

**Dinner will be provided by Wesley Catering. Tickets \$20 each, RSVP required. Tickets may be purchased by clicking the button below!**

[Purchase a Ticket](#)



## 2022 Conservation Leaders Awardees



**Matt Koenn**

***Distinguished Service Award***

Congratulations to Matt Koenn for being recognized for 7 years of serving on the WCCD Board of Directors!



**Kathy & Norm Fischer**

***Volunteers of the Year Award***

Congratulations to Kathy & Norm for being recognized for their volunteer efforts over the past year and the value they add to the WCCD events!

[Read More](#)



## Spring Sales Are Open and Selling Fast!



**Over 50 species**



## Build your Rain Water Catchment System

Spring Rain Barrel Sales include 5 colors of barrels with overflow upgrades available.

Larger 275 Gallon totes and various supplies are offered, including the new barrel plant hangars and vine netting.

[Shop Rain Barrels](#)

## of Trees, Shrubs, Fruit Trees & Berries

Our popular Spring Tree & Shrub sale is underway! We've rotated in new species, and some new planting aids for tree planting success.

White Cedar and White Oak already sold out, shop early!

[Shop for Trees & Shrubs](#)

## Over 40 species of potted Native Plants

Species are chosen for garden success: ease of establishment, maintenance, and Beauty!

Offering FREE Common Milkweed to support Monarch Butterflies, while supplies last!

[Shop for Native Plants](#)



## Restoring Nature with Prescribed Fire: Why We Burn, and How We Do It Safely Zoom Webinar with David Borneman

**January 26th, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

For thousands of years, intentional burning of the landscape has been a part of what is now southern Michigan. Dave will discuss the Native American history of fire here, and why burning can be a valuable tool for those interested in restoring native Michigan landscapes. Dave recently retired after 28 years as the Natural Area Preservation Manager for the City of Ann Arbor Parks. Now he

can devote more time to his private business, David Borneman, LLC, conducting prescribed burns and doing ecological consulting with a wide range of clients across the Midwest. When he is not burning, Dave is likely either tending to the family cabin in northeast Michigan, or traveling with his wife.

**Register for the webinar by clicking the button below!**

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**Take our feedback survey!**

Washtenaw County Conservation District

**We want to hear from you!**

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WCCD-2022-FEEDBACK

**We want to hear from you!**

As the WCCD staff plans for the future, we want to hear from you about how we can best support Washtenaw County residents and enhance our services, programs, and events! By taking the survey, you help us determine what programs to expand, create, and plan for in the future. Your ideas, passions, concerns, and active engagement are what make Washtenaw such a wonderful place to live. Our goal at WCCD is to help residents manage our natural resources so we all, humans and wildlife alike, can enjoy and benefit from the ecosystem services our environment provides for years to come. Click the button below to take the survey!

**Take Survey!**



# How to Assess, Manage, & Preserve Your Land

SHARON TOWNSHIP HALL  
18010 PLEASANT LAKE RD  
MANCHESTER, MI 48158

Learn about options for conserving or managing your farmland and natural areas. Following the presentation, staff from local conservation organizations will be available to discuss individual properties. Refreshments provided!

**JAN 18TH**  
STARTING  
AT 6PM  
Save the  
date!



RSVP appreciated:  
[washtenawcd.org/events](http://washtenawcd.org/events)  
or 734-302-8715

## Conversations About Land: Sharon Township Sharon Township Hall, 18010 Pleasant Lake Rd., Manchester, MI

January 18th, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Do you consider natural areas and farmlands to be assets to your community?  
Would you like them to remain? Then join your neighbors and Township representatives to learn about the benefits of and opportunities for farmland and natural area preservation!

Come learn about options for conserving or managing your farmland, forests, wetlands, and fields. Representatives from local conservation organizations will discuss individual properties and goals following the presentation. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP online or call 734.302.8715

***RSVP by clicking the button below!***

**RSVP Here**





Native Plant



Expo &  
Marketplace

Register Online  
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2023 NPEM Speaker Series

## Supporting Native Pollinators in Backyards to Barnyards

with  
Connie Crancer

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Zoom Webinar



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The 2nd presenter in the Native Plant Expo and Marketplace (NPEM) Speaker Series is Connie Crancer from the Pollinator Partnership, the largest non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to the protection and promotion of pollinators and their ecosystems. Her presentation will address how to enhance and create habitat in our backyards and farms using native plants that not only support native pollinators and other beneficial insects and the ecosystem services they provide, but also support ecological resiliency, healthy soils and water ways and help to mitigate a world-wide insect and pollinator decline crisis. She will include national and state educational, technical and financial resources and opportunities.

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# School & Community HABITAT GRANT

Application Deadline: June 11th, 2023



## School & Community Habitat Grant

**Applications open through June 11th!**

Does your school, community organization, or non-profit need expert consultation or plant materials to create a native garden, rain garden, food forest, wind break, or other native plant project? The WCCD School & Community Habitat Grant is now accepting applications until the June 11th, 2023 deadline! Please visit our website to learn more, download the application, and explore past projects: [www.washtenawcd.org/schg](http://www.washtenawcd.org/schg).

If you are a consultant who may be interested in partnering to complete these projects, please reach out to [summer@washtenawcd.org](mailto:summer@washtenawcd.org). We'd love to help promote the great work you do!

**Learn more by clicking the button below!**

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## Upcoming Events

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Meeting, Land  
Preservation  
Collective**  
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## Local Government Updates

- [City of Ypsilanti Sustainability Commission](#) will be meeting on **Monday, February 13th at 7 p.m.** at City Hall, 1 S Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI
- [Sharon Township Planning Commission](#) will be meeting on **Thursday February 2nd at 7 p.m.** at the Sharon Township Hall, 18010 Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, MI
- [Salem Township Land Preservation & Conservation Board](#) will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 17th at 7 p.m.** at the Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road, Salem, MI
- [Northfield Township Land Preservation Committee](#) will be meeting on **Monday, February 6th at 6 p.m.** at Northfield Township Hall, 8350 Main St., Whitmore Lake, MI



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