

MARCH CONSERVATION UPDATE

Your Source for Conservation News in Washtenaw County

TREE & SHRUB PRE-ORDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MARCH 20th

Trees, Shrubs & Native Plants!

Pre-order your trees, shrubs and native plants for pick up this Spring:



Pick up Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th

Spring Tree & Shrub Distribution

Each spring and fall the Conservation District sells a variety of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and prairie grasses which are intended for conservation uses, such as:

- Reforestation
- Soil erosion control
- Windbreaks and screens



Pick up pre-ordered plants at the Expo on Saturday, May 30th

2nd Annual Native Plant Expo & Marketplace

Saturday, May 30th from 9 a.m. -1 p.m.
5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd

The Native Plant Expo & Marketplace offers landowners one convenient location to shop for Michigan native plants from several Michigan native plant growers, learn how to establish and maintain native landscapes and connect with companies specializing in planning native landscapes.

- Wildlife habitat improvements
- Landscaping naturalizing

Pre-Order Native Plants

Pre-order Trees and Native Plants

Pre-order trees, shrubs and native plants through our website store (linked below) or download forms and mail in with check. All order forms, guides and details about the sale dates on our website.

Pre-Order Trees & Shrubs

How to Practice Responsible Land Management

In My Backyard: Setting Goals

People make goals in all aspects of their lives. “I’m going to eat healthier.” “I’m going to exercise more.” “I’m going to make that sales goal.” These goals are typically set in early January or at the beginning of a new quarter (with the former lasting maybe a few weeks).



Backyard Conservation Education Series

Naturalized Landscaping

Early May, Date and Location TBD
\$10 per person, \$5 for students and seniors.

Join us for a workshop on Naturalized Landscaping with Native Species led by Rick

Meader, landscape architect for the City of Novi, where he will show you how to manage nutrients in your soil, eco-friendly approaches to pest management, how to use mulches and mowing to control unwanted plants, and how to choose the right native species for your plot. This workshop will give you the grounding you need to get the best selection for you at our Native Plant Expo in late May!



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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: APRIL 24th

School & Community Habitat Grant



The Washtenaw County Conservation District (WCCD) School and Community Habitat Grant is designed to assist schools and communities with accessing plants and establishing wildlife habitat. Grants will be awarded in the form of tree, shrub and native plant material through the WCCD distributions. Grant fund availability is dependent on donations made to the WCCD for this purpose and grant selections will be made based on the amount donated.

[Apply Now!](#)

Michigan's Draft Lake Erie Management Plan

Unless you live on the northwestern edge of the county, you live in a watershed that where the water eventually reaches Lake Erie. The Raisin River and Stony Creek empty directly into the lake, while the Huron (technically) empties into the Detroit River, which drains into Lake Erie as well.

Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) is taking public comments for the Draft Lake Erie Management Plan until 5pm on April 3rd. The document contains updated information and plans pertaining to how the state intends to address phosphorus entering Lake Erie.

You can read the draft here:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/egle/wrd-glmu-lake-erie-adaptive-management_681941_7.pdf

You can comment on the plan in the following ways:

- **Participate in the public webinar** scheduled for 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 19. To register, go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5120308407661415427>
- **Participate in the public webinar scheduled from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, March 25.** To register, go to <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2295260615308064769>
- **Email** to EGLE-LakeErieDAP@Michigan.gov
- **Mail** to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
- Water Resources Division Attn: Lake Erie AM DAP P.O. Box 30458 Lansing, MI 48909

As residents of the greater Lake Erie watershed, we should all read this document and pose any thoughts or comments to EGLE as any management plan will impact all who live within the watershed.

Due to public health recommendations, the WCCD staff will be working remotely for the next two to three weeks. Please have patience with us as we work to address your questions. Please submit any tree orders by mail or directly on our website with credit card.

The best way to reach the District Manager, Megan DeLeeuw, is by e-mail (see below) and 734.718.5506 (cell)

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