



NOVEMBER 2021 CONSERVATION UPDATE

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Agronomist Presentation: Improving Profitability Through Land Stewardship with Ron Doetch

December 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Saline Township Hall, 5731 Braun Rd. Saline, MI 48176

Speaker Ron Doetch will be discussing his experience in working with the farming community in Washtenaw County. He will be looking at several trends in the industry as well as highlighting some of the changes that have taken place in his time here. Moreover, the talk will look at the importance of water and what can be done to use it more wisely. Finally, Ron will discuss the need to shift away from short term season to season thinking and how producers might transition to a more long-term outlook that promotes conservation and profit. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP for this event



The graphic features a background of a lush green cornfield. On the left, a large yellow circle with a subtle leaf pattern contains the text 'Washtenaw County Conservation District' at the top, followed by 'Farmer Cost-Share Program' in large white letters. Below this, a white telephone icon is next to the phone number '734-302-8715'. At the bottom of the yellow circle is a blue button with the text 'Contact Us'. To the right of the yellow circle is a blue circular icon with a white dollar sign in the center and two white arrows forming a clockwise circle around it.

Washtenaw County Conservation District is pleased to announce the Farmer Cost-Share Program!

Possible projects covered by Cost-Share:

- Riparian forest buffer
- Cover Crop Installation
- Pollinator Habitat plantings
- Contributions towards high tunnel installation
- Water, Soil and manure samples
- Contributions towards forest management and grazing plans
- Soil sample tests
- Farm Safety Materials
- ...and more!

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AG TIRE DROP-OFF

DECEMBER 18, 2021

PARTNERED EVENT WITH:
WASHTENAW COUNTY
SOLID WASTE DIVISION



CALL US TO RESERVE
A TIME SLOT



734.302.8715

Washtenaw County
Conservation District

Ag Tire Drop-Off

December 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Freedom Township Hall, 11508 E Pleasant Lake Rd., Manchester, MI

Attention Washtenaw County Farmers!

Having a hard time getting rid of those unused tires?

The Washtenaw County Conservation District (WCCD) is working in partnership with the Washtenaw County Solid Waste Division to host the Agricultural Tire Drop-off Event.

RSVP is required. Please call us at [734.302.8715](tel:734.302.8715) to reserve a time slot.

Limit of 4 tires.

Contact MAEAP Technician Nick Machinski at

nick@washtenawcd.org or [734.302.8711](tel:734.302.8711) with any questions.

Event Details



MAEAP Reverifications

Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance
Program



The Frosty Apple Welcomes 41yrs and Reverification

In terms of best management practices, the orchard, sprays very little pesticide on their trees, but what they do is locked up and meticulous records are kept. Soil testing and tissue sampling are being incorporated into the operation to look at overall plant and soil health throughout the farm.

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Green Things Farm Collective LLC Continues to Impress

GTFC continues the principals the original Green Things Farm has practiced for years: being organic, sustainable, regenerative, and ethical. The operation recognizes its benefited from the privileges and have made giving back a key component of their operation.

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Learn more about MAEAP!



Washtenaw County Conservation District

ZOOM WEBINAR

Winter Woody Plant Identification

WITH MARTHA HOLZHEUER

Tuesday, January 11th
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Zoom Webinar, registration opens December 10th

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[Discover more upcoming events!](#)



Welcome Dru!

New Outreach Coordinator



Washtenaw Conservation District's new Outreach Coordinator, Dru, 'hit the ground running' mid-October. She moved here from Northwest Ohio to start her position after 2 years as Education & Outreach Coordinator at Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District. Previous to her position in Ohio she served a full term as a Huron Pines AmeriCorps member at Missaukee Conservation District. She has experience coordinating volunteers, created outreach materials, was responsible for

invasive species inquiry and outreach, taught K-12 environmental and outdoor education at nature camp, area schools and after-school programs, built relationships with landowners to plan out environmental goals, on-the-ground restoration for the removal of invasive species, trail maintenance, and native garden care. She received her degree in Environmental Studies & Sustainability at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI.

Beyond her passion for conservation, Dru enjoys fishing, backpacking, kayaking, and archery. She's looking forward to getting to know the area better and meeting new people. As the Outreach Coordinator, Dru will serve the community by connecting the people of Washtenaw County to the programs, events, and services that Washtenaw CD offers. If you wish to find out about upcoming events or volunteer opportunities, please call [734.302.8715](tel:734.302.8715), or email Dru at dru@washtenawcd.org

[Email Dru](#)





Forest Forensics Experience Recap by Summer Roberts

WCCD partnered in Michigan State University Extension's "Forest Forensics" and twelve hardy participants congregated at [Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation](#)'s Bird Hills Nature Area on Saturday, November 13th to search for clues and work together as a team to discern the land use history of the site.

[Read more](#)

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Public Works Department. RSVP will be required with a tire limit per resident. Please call [734.302.8715](tel:734.302.8715) to reserve a time slot.

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Local Government Updates

- [Salem Township Land Preservation & Conservation Board](#) will be meeting on **Monday, December 20th at 7 p.m.** at the Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road, Salem, MI 48175
- [Ann Arbor Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board](#) will be meeting on **Monday, December 6th at 7:30 p.m.** at the Ann Arbor Township Hall, 3792 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
- [Agricultural Lands Preservation Advisory Committee \(ALPAC\)](#) will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 28th at 7 p.m.**
- [Northfield Township Land Preservation Committee](#) will be meeting on **Monday, December 6th at 6 p.m.** at the Northfield Township Public Safety Building at 8350 Main Street, Whitmore Lake, 48189. Agendas and minutes can be found [here](#).
- [Dexter Township Open Space and Land Preservation Committee](#) will be meeting on **Tuesday, December 14th at 7 p.m.** at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd, Dexter, MI 48130.

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