

OCTOBER 2022 CONSERVATION UPDATE

Your Source for Conservation News in Washtenaw County



Death By A Thousand Cankers: Walnut Twig Beetle Delivers Disease to Walnut Trees By Summer Roberts, WCCD Community Forester

The walnut twig beetle (*Pityophthorus juglandis*) or WTB, is native to California, the southwestern U.S., and Mexico, where its original hosts were western black walnut trees. However, the WTB is quite happy to be hosted by eastern black walnut (*Juglans nigra*) and other black walnut hybrids and it's brought along a very unwelcome guest, a destructive fungus (*Geosmithia morbida*) that hitchhikes on the surface of the beetles' wings. As the beetles penetrate the tree to form galleries, the fungal spores create an infection in the trees' tissues resulting in lesions, or cankers, of outwardly radiating dead tissue. The death of these tissues impairs the trees' ability to circulate nutrients and water causing the tree to eventually starve...

Click the button below to read the full article.

[Read More!](#)



We're more than just "the Tree Sale folks"!

A familiar conversation:

"What do you do?"

"I'm the Resource Coordinator for the Washtenaw County Conservation District"

[blank stares]

"I run tree and native plant sales."

"Oh! I've bought trees for years! You're the county what again?"

As the WCCD has grown exponentially in two years, we've expanded our staff, programs, and services to better support conservation in our county, yet we are still working to bridge the gap of awareness of what Conservation Districts do for our residents and producers.

Click below to learn some of the conservation resources that we offer, and some highlights of our impact in 2022:

[Read the Resource Coordinator's 2022 Recap](#)



SOIL TEST DRIVE

OCTOBER 11TH-14TH



FREE FOR ALL WASHTENAW COUNTY RESIDENTS

Soil Test Drive

October 11th -14th from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at the WCCD Office

(705 N Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48108)

A free soil test for any Washtenaw County resident available for drop-off only during the week of October 11th - 14th. Knowing the nutrients or lack of nutrients in your soil will help you know how to build up the health or what will grow best in your area.

The first sample is free, but all additional tests are \$15 each. Please provide 2 cups per sample. For information on sampling click the button below.

Questions? Please call Erez Brandvain, Conservation Technician, at 734.302.8714

**Sampling Information
Here**



NO-TILL DRILL DEMO DAY

Washtenaw County
Conservation District

OCTOBER 14TH

POPLAR GLEN FARM
CLINTON, MI

REGISTER ONLINE
washtenawcd.org/notilldemoday

9AM TO 10:30AM
QUESTIONS?
CALL 734.302.8715

No-Till Drill Demo Day

**Friday, October 14th, 2022 from 9:00 am to 10:30 am
at Poplar Glen Farm (13293 E Michigan Ave, Clinton, MI)**

Join us at Poplar Glen Farms for demonstration of our new no-till drill! We will be going over some of the features of the no-till drill, doing a pasture seeding to show how it operates and answering any questions and explaining how you can rent out this piece of equipment. This event is for anyone interested in no-till planting methods, whether it is for pastures, trialing cover crops or establishing pollinator habitat. Coffee and food will be provided but space is limited so please register today!

[Register Here](#)



Native Plant Swap



Sunday, October 16th
from 1:00 p.m.
to 2:30 p.m.

Register online at,
washtenawcd.org/events
Call us at 734.302.8715



Washtenaw County
Conservation District



"POTLUCK STYLE PLANT PASS": ALL
WELCOME - WITH OR WITHOUT PLANTS!

Join us at the
**Ypsilanti District
Library**

5577 Whittaker Rd
Ypsilanti, MI

Fall Native Plant Swap

**Sunday, October 16th, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
at Ypsilanti District Library (5577 Whittaker Rd, Ypsilanti, MI
48197)**

The Washtenaw County Conservation District (WCCD), with support from the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commission's Office and Ypsilanti District Library, will host a free native plant swap on October 16th, 2022 at the Ypsilanti District Library Whittaker Branch. Everyone is welcome to come to this potluck style event whether or not you bring a plant to "pass". If bringing native plants from your yard to share, please label them.

If you are looking for a few native plants to add to your yard, please investigate your site conditions (sun exposure, soil type, soil moisture) to ensure a good match. Feel free to attend if you'd like to learn more about native plants, practice your identification skills, help others select appropriate plants for their sites, or socialize with native plant enthusiasts! If you would like to help weed and/or install "leftover" plants (starting at 2:15 pm) along the edges of the detention basin and/or pollinator garden at the Ypsilanti District Library, please bring gloves and a trowel. Register to attend.

[Register Here](#)



FREE WELL WATER TESTING
NOVEMBER 5TH | 9 AM TO 3 PM
AT THE WCCD OFFICE,
705 N ZEEB RD, ANN ARBOR, MI

Free Well Water Testing

**Saturday, November 5th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Washtenaw County Conservation District, 705 N. Zeeb Road,
Room 2304, Ann Arbor, MI 48103**

Bring your water sample and sample information sheet to the WCCD office to be tested for nitrates and nitrites. Click the button to download the sample information sheet and instructions for taking a good water sample.

[Learn More!](#)



Tractor Tire Drive

Saturday, December 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Freedom Township Hall, 13293 E Michigan Ave, Clinton, MI

Back by popular demand! Partnering with WC Solid Waste Division, Washtenaw CD is offering our 2nd Tractor Tire Drive! Bring your agricultural tires for recycling. Limit of 4 tires per producer.

[Sign-up Here!](#)





Milkweed Collection

Partnering with Pollinator Partnership, Project Wingspan

We are accepting common milkweed seed from all Washtenaw County residents! This donation of seed will be collected, cleaned, and then planted by the Department of Fish & Wildlife back to our bioregion to support the declining population of Monarch Butterflies. Your collection can be dropped off outside the lobby of our office building at 705 N. Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

For more information on how to collect and instruction on where to drop off the milkweed seeds, click the button below!

[Learn More!](#)



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Local Government Updates

- [Salem Township Land Preservation & Conservation Board](#) will be meeting on **Tuesday, October 18th 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, November 28th at 7:30 p.m.** at the Ann Arbor Township Hall, 3792 Pontiac Trail, Ann Arbor, MI 48104
- [Dexter Township Open Space and Land Preservation Committee](#) will be meeting on **Thursday, November 3rd at 7 p.m.** at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd, Dexter, MI 48130.
- [Northfield Township Land Preservation Committee](#) will be meeting on **Monday, November 7th at 6 p.m.** at Northfield Township Hall, 8350 Main St., Whitmore Lake.

705 N. Zeeb Rd

Suite #201

Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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