

Our mission is to assist residents with the conservation, management and wise use of natural resources in Washtenaw County.

It is hard to believe that we are now looking back at the close of 2020. As a community and as a country we have been through enormous challenges that caused disruptions across all aspects of daily life. Like most individuals and organizations, the WCCD's grand plans for 2020 required major adaptation. I can wholeheartedly say that our board of directors, staff, volunteers and partners rose to the new challenges presented by the pandemic and were still able to assist many residents in Washtenaw County with applying conservation on the ground!

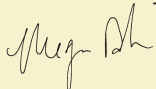
One of the first major impacts of the pandemic for us was having to cancel the majority of our largest annual event: the Spring Tree & Shrub distribution. Despite this, we were still able to distribute 574 fruit trees, 6,642 native plants and many gallons of stock fish. This October we coordinated a second event, distributing over 7,300 conifer trees and 4,640 native plants. Overall, we were able to assist 552 residents with accessing trees, shrubs and plants in the midst of a pandemic while streamlining a safe process for preparing and distributing orders.

Our educational efforts were impacted in 2020 but not before we were able to host two important seminars. In February of 2020 we hosted a Conservation Agriculture seminar in partnership with Michigan State University Extension and the Washtenaw County Farm Bureau. Organics and Alternative Markets for Field Crops featured a panel of experts discussing the current organics market as well as crops like small grains and hemp. For our avid community conservationists, we hosted a Pollinator Gardens seminar in March of 2020 on species selection and design for encouraging native pollinators in the garden.

On August 4th, 76% of Washtenaw residents approved of a countywide millage to support the work of the Conservation District. This was the first time since the WCCD was established in 1948 that the WCCD had placed a millage question on the ballot. Receiving this general support will allow our organization to expand to more effectively address resource concerns of Washtenaw County residents, especially as needs are changing and adapting in this present climate.

We have many exciting things to look forward in 2021— a series of virtual seminars and webinars on various topics, Spring and Fall Tree & Native Plant Distributions, the Second Annual Native Plant Expo & Marketplace, launch of the School & Community Habitat Grant Program as well as a countywide assessment we conduct on resident's resource concerns. We look forward to growing together in 2021 and finding new and innovative ways to engage with conservation and each other.

Be well & Stay safe,



Megan DeLeeuw, Executive Director,
Washtenaw County Conservation District

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WCCD Hosted Resource Distributions

The Spring Tree & Shrub Distribution

engaged **335** residents, five volunteers distributed **574** fruit trees, **6,642** native plants into Washtenaw County



Fall Tree and Native Plant Distribution

Engaged **217** residents and **20** volunteers, distributed **7,300** trees and **4,640** native plants



Rain barrels distributed/gallons delivered from storm water

84 barrels (**109,200** gallons) of rainwater collected this year



Washtenaw County Conservation District 2020 Overview

WCCD Hosted Educational Offerings

Community Conservation Education Series WCCD Hosted Pollinator Gardens for **37** attendees

Conservation Agriculture Education Series in partnership with Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) and Washtenaw County Farm Bureau

Organics and Alternatives Markets for Field Crops with **48** attendees



◀ **One-on-one technical assistance: 467**

The WCCD serves as a hub of conservation resources and education. In 2020 we assisted residents with problem solving and connecting to resources on everything from woodlot management, invasive species identification, crop planning, native planting, beginning farmer resources and more.



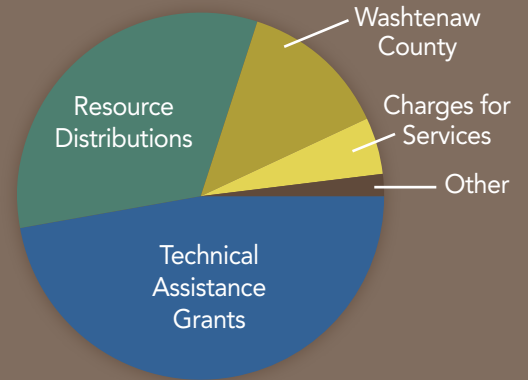
Launched our ▲ first virtual farm tour in partnership with MSUE and Baseline Farm
107 registered



◀ **AHEAD FOR 2021**

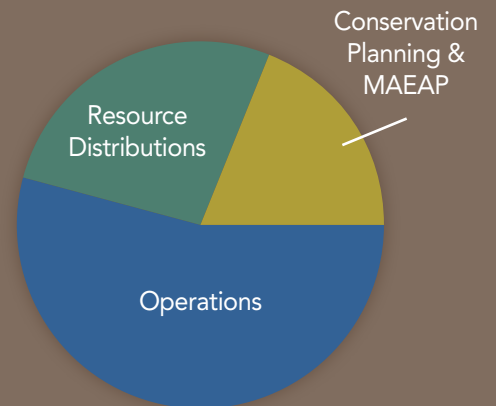
- **Conservation Clips** – online videos on conservation topics (soil testing, farm bill, etc)
- **Virtual seminars** on conservation topics from butterfly gardens to manure management!
- **School & Community Habitat Grant**
- **Launch our 2021 Resource Assessment survey** – we ask residents and partners to tell us which environmental issues are your biggest concerns

Washtenaw County Conservation District 2020 Financials



REVENUE

Technical Assistance Grants	\$97,949
Washtenaw County	\$30,000
Resource Distributions	\$67,378
Charges for Services	\$15,000
Other	\$5,151
Total	\$215,478



EXPENSES

Operations	\$135,309
Resource Distributions	\$34,164
Conservation Planning & MAEAP . . .	\$19,456
Total	\$188,929



NRCS: Putting the Farm Bill to Work

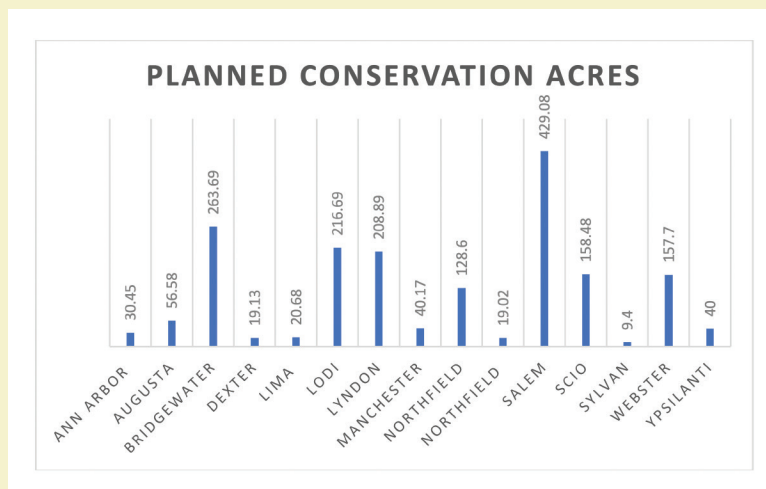
The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Ann Arbor Field Office works very closely with the WCCD. The NRCS Ann Arbor Field Office coordinates 2018 Farm Bill Programs. This entails completing conservation plans for landowners, submitting program applications to the state office, and awarding financial assistance through the Environmental Quality Assistance Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP). WCCD staff assists NRCS by directing and guiding producers towards appropriate programs for their operations, ultimately leading to conservation on the ground. Specific technical areas of assistance include developing conservation plans, and working through the application and implementation process step by step with producers.

Demand for NRCS conservation planning and cost-share programs stayed strong through 2020. The NRCS field office expanded their staff capacity by hiring two additional Soil Conservationists: Katy Beaven and Ashlii Holloway. In 2020, 27 contracts were completed

in Washtenaw County on 3,893 acres for a total of \$2,858,840.17 in payments. These payments were applied to farmland preservation, cover cropping, conservation cover, brush management, seasonal high tunnels and more.

The first step to implementing conservation on the ground is to work with NRCS and Conservation District staff to complete a conservation plan. This helps to identify the landowner's goals, all resource concerns, and develop a plan to address those concerns. In 2020, more than 1,798 acres of conservation practices were written into conservation plans and will be applied in 15 townships in our county. Once implemented,

thousands of acres of conservation practices will improve surface and ground water quality, soil health, wildlife habitat and overall improved resource management.



For more information on Farm Bill Programs in Washtenaw County contact Erez Brandvain, Conservation Technician at (734) 302-8714 or erez.brandvain@macd.org.

Mail form with check or money order to: Washtenaw County CD 705 N. Zeeb Rd Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Order online with credit card: www.washtenawcd.org

2021 SPRING TREE & SHRUB ORDER FORM **Deadline: Friday, March 19th**

PICK-UP DATES: Friday, April 23rd, 1-6 pm & Saturday, April 24th, 9-10:30 am

PICK-UP LOCATION: Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, MI

NAME:	PHONE:
ADDRESS:	EMAIL:

CONIFER SEEDLINGS	AGE	SIZE	25	50	100	200	500		QTY	COST
01 White Pine	2	5-10"	\$15	\$25	\$45	\$80	\$190			
02 Red Pine NEW	2	6-12"	\$15	\$25	\$45	\$80	\$190			
03 European Larch NEW	1	6-12"	\$20	\$30	\$50	-	-			
04 White Cedar	3	8-14"	\$25	\$45	\$80	-	-			

CONIFER TRANSPLANTS	AGE	SIZE	1	10 *	30	50	100	200	QTY	COST
05 White Pine	3	8-14"	\$3.50	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$110	\$190		
06 Colorado Blue Spruce	4	10-16"	\$3.50	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$110	\$190		
07 Black Hills Spruce NEW	4	10-16"	\$3.50	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$110	-		
08 Norway Spruce	3	10-16"	\$3.50	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$110	-		
* Mix & match Conifer Transplants, choose: (in multiples of 10 only)									TOTAL	
									QTY	COST

Any 3 conifers of 10 for \$50,
Any 5 bundles of 10 for \$70,
Any 10 bundles of 10 for \$110!

DECIDUOUS HARDWOODS	SIZE	1	25 *	50	100		QTY	COST		
09 Sugar Maple	18-24"	\$3.50	\$35	\$50	\$80					
10 Bur Oak NEW	18-24"	\$3.50	\$35	\$50	\$80					
11 Tulip Poplar NEW	18-24"	\$3.50	\$35	\$50	\$75					
12 Hackberry NEW	18-24"	\$3.50	\$35	\$50	\$85					
* Mix & match Hardwoods, choose: (in multiples of 25 only)									TOTAL	
									QTY	COST

Any 2 bundles of 25 for \$50,
Any 4 bundles of 25 for \$80!

WILDLIFE SHRUBS	SIZE	1	25 *	50	100		QTY	COST		
13 Saskatoon Serviceberry NEW	18-24"	\$3.50	\$35	\$50	\$80					
14 Nannyberry NEW	18-24"	\$3.50	\$30	\$50	\$80					
15 Gray Dogwood NEW	18-24"	\$3.50	\$30	\$50	\$75					
16 American Hazelnut	18-24"	\$3.50	\$35	\$65	\$100					
17 Lilac, common	6-12"	\$2.50	\$15	\$35	\$50					
18 Pussy willow	12-18"	\$3.50	\$30	\$50	\$75					
19 Paw Paw	18-24"	\$3.50	\$45	\$85	-					
* Mix & match Shrubs, choose: (in multiples of 25 only) (not including Paw Paw or Hazelnut)									TOTAL	
									QTY	COST

Any 2 bundles of 25 for \$50,
Any 4 bundles of 25 for \$80!

LARGER TREES	SIZE	PRICE		QTY	COST
30 Redbud NEW	3-4'	\$15			
31 River Birch NEW	3-4'	\$15			
32 White Flowering Dogwood	3-4'	\$15			
33 Swamp White Oak	3-4'	\$15			

FRUIT TREES * NEW!	SIZE		NOTES (all bare root)	PRICE	QTY	COST
20 * Enterprise Apple	3/4"	5-6'	ELMA 118 rootstock (Full size tree)	\$22.00		
21 Gale Gala Apple	3/4"	5-6'	EMLA 111 rootstock	\$22.00		
22 * Royal Empire Apple	3/4"	5-6'	EMLA 7 rootstock	\$22.00		
23 * Royal Red Honeycrisp Apple	3/4"	5-6'	Self-fertile, EMLA 111 rootstock	\$25.00		
24 * Bing Cherry	3/4"	5-6'	Self-fertile, GIS-12	\$25.00		
25 * Canadian Harmony Peach	3/4"	5-6'	Self-fertile, Seed	\$22.00		
26 * Blake's Pride Pear	5/8"	5-6'	Partially self-fertile, OHXF 87	\$22.00		
27 * Fantasia Nectarine	5/8"	5-6'	Self-fertile, Lovell	\$22.00		

BERRY PLANTS	PRICE PER BUNDLE:			QTY	COST
28 Highbush (Vaccinium corymbosum) RC+1 Blueberry	5/\$20	10/\$35	25/\$75		
29 Prelude Raspberries	5/\$15	10/\$25	25/\$55		

TREE & SHRUB PACKETS	SIZE	NOTE: substitutions may occur depending on nursery availability, 2 per species	PRICE EACH	QTY	COST
34 Deerfood Packet	18-24"	American Hazelnut, Chinkapin Oak, Persimmon, Domestic Apple, Coralberry	\$25.00		
35 Pollinator Packet	18-24"	Red Osier Dogwood, Choke Cherry, American Plum, Meadowsweet, Pasture Rose	\$25.00		
36 Turkey Food Packet	18-24"	Black Oak, Wild Grape, Washington Hawthorn, Sargent Crabapple, Black Elderberry	\$22.00		
37 Wetland Packet	12-18"	Spice Bush, Pussy Willow, River Birch, Button Bush, Nannyberry	\$22.00		

PLANTING AIDS	PRICE EACH	BULK PRICING:				QTY	COST
Tree Shelters 4-foot tall, for hardwoods	\$3.25						
Tree Stakes 5-foot fiberglass tree stakes	\$2						
Weed Mats w/ 5 staples	\$2	10/\$17	30/\$49	50/\$79	100/\$154		
Plantskydd Repellent- 1 Qt. Liquid Spray	\$23						
Plantskydd Repellent- 1 Lb. Box Powder	\$25						
Plantskydd Repellent- 3 Lb. Shaker Bag	\$25						
Marking Flags	N/A	10/\$2	25/\$5	50/\$9	100/\$16		
Fertilizer Tablets	\$0.25/EA						
Root Dip	\$2/ 2 OZ						

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SUBTOTAL	
ADD 6% SALES TAX	
TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION for School & Community Habitat Grant fund (See enclosed info)	
TOTAL	

PAYMENT METHOD

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2021 NATIVE PLANTS PRE-ORDER FORM

****Deadline Friday, April 30th Pick-up at Native Plant Expo on Saturday, June 5th****

All native plants below are grown by Designs By Nature, LLC.

Plants available from Wildtype Nursery are available for pre-order on our website through April 30th.

NAME:				PHONE:		
ADDRESS:				EMAIL:		
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIZE	PRICE EA		QTY	COST
GRASSES						
Big bluestem	Andropogon gerardii	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Bottlebrush grass	Hystrix patula	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Canada wild rye	Elymus canadensis	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Indian grass	Sorghastrum nutans	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
June grass	Koeleria cristata	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Little bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Prairie cord grass	Spartina pectinata	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Prairie dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Purple Top*	Triodia flava	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Side oats grama*	Bouteloua curtipendula	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Sweet grass	Hierochloe odoratum	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Switch grass	Panicum virgatum	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
WILDFLOWERS						
Bergamot	Monarda fistulosa	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Black-eyed susan	Rudbeckia hirta	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Blue vervain	Verbena hastata	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Butterfly milkweed	Asclepias tuberosa	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Cardinal flower	Lobelia cardinalis	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Compass plant	Silphium laciniatum	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Culver's root	Veronicastrum virginicum	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Cup plant	Silphium perfoliatum	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
False boneset	Khunia eupatorioides	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
False dragon head	Physostegia virginiana	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Foxglove beard tongue	Penstemon digitalis	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Gray headed coneflower	Ratibida pinnata	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Golden alexanders	Zizia aurea	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Great blue lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Hairy beard tongue	Penstemon hirsutus	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Hoary vervain	Verbena stricta	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Horsemint	Monarda punctata	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Ironweed	Vernonia missurica	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Jacob's ladder	Polemonium reptans	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Joe pye weed	Eupatorium maculatum	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Lead Plant	Amorpha canescens	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
New Jersey Tea	Ceanothus americanus	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Nodding wild onion	Allium cernuum	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Northern Blazingstar	Liatris scariosa	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
New England Aster	Aster novae-angliae	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	SIZE	PRICE EA		QTY	COST
WILDFLOWERS cont'd						
Marsh blazing star	Liatris spicata	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Prairie coreopsis	Coreopsis palmata	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Prairie dock	Silphium terebinthinaceum	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Prairie smoke	Geum triflorum	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Pale purple coneflower	Echinacea pallida	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Purple coneflower	Echinacea purpurea	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Rattlesnake master	Eryngium yuccifolium	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Rosin weed	Silphium integrifolium	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Rough blazing star	Liatris aspera	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Round leaf ragwort	Senecio obovatus	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Sand tickseed	Coreopsis lanceolata	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Showy coneflower	Rudbeckia fulgida	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Showy goldenrod	Solidago speciosa	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Sky blue aster	Aster azureus	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Spiderwort	Tradescantia ohiensis	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Stiff goldenrod	Solidago rigida	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Swamp milkweed	Asclepias incarnata	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Sweet black-eyed susan	Rudbeckia submentosa	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Tall coreopsis	Coreopsis tripteris	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Thimbleweed	Anemone cylindrica	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Western sunflower	Helianthus occidentalis	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
White turtlehead	Chelone glabra	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Wild blue iris	Iris versicolor	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Wild columbine	Aquilegia canadensis	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Wild lupine	Lupinus perennis	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Wild petunia	Ruellia humilis	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Wild senna	Cassia hebecarpa	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
Woodland sunflower	Helianthus divaricatus	4 1/2" pot	\$4.50			
GARDEN KITS Each kit is made up of a full flat of 38, 2" plugs. Comes with design for 4'x10' garden.					QTY	COST
Available Kits: Shoreline, Butterfly, Grass, Wildflower, Rain Garden, Pollinator, Shade, Monach Way Station. Specific species will vary depending on availability. Mix of 10-15 species per kit. Includes layout for 4'x10' plot.		full flat only	\$75	Specify kits requested:		
BULK 2" PLUGS FOR ANY WILDFLOWER or GRASS SPECIES IN FULL FLATS (38 plants total)					QTY	COST
Please select which species you would like in a 38-plug flat. Each flat can only contain one species.		full flat only	\$70	Species requested:		

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SUBTOTAL (BOTH SIDES)	
ADD 6% SALES TAX	
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TOTAL	

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2020 MAEAP in Washtenaw County

The Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) in Washtenaw County has experienced exponential growth over the past few years. MAEAP is a program that works directly with landowners and farmers to voluntarily reduce environmental pollution and risk and maximize productivity while protecting soil and water resources.

Technicians work with landowners on risk reductions practices, designing and implementing various planning tools for managing nutrients and forests. Risk reduction practices include everything from ensuring fuel is stored properly and won't leak into ground water, to calculating the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium being applied to the field. Ultimately, many landowners can achieve MAEAP verification which is an acknowledgement by the State of Michigan that the landowner has met environmental and management standards.

FY 2018 and FY 2019 were record setting years for MAEAP within Washtenaw County, with 23 and 27 total verifications respectfully. While 2020 was not a record setting year, it was still above the average for the county as seen in Figure 1 below. In 2020, 235 total risk reduction practices were implemented and the total acres of all ver-

ified farms (verified & re-verified) was nearly 500 acres.

WCCD, in partnership with Michigan State University Extension, hosted our first Virtual Field Day on Grazing on October 13th at Baseline Farm in Webster Township. As part of the MAEAP program, WCCD hosts an annual field day each year to highlight successful MAEAP practices in particular and conservation practices in general. Over 70 people participated in the field day from around the State of Michigan.

In 2021 we will be continuing to work with new landowners on risk reductions and verifications as well as working with landowners that are ready for re-verification. This is a process that happens every 5 years for individuals that have already achieved verification but require an update. Re-verification is critical to long term impact in order to assist the landowner with addressing evolving resource concerns and any important changes to an operation.

If you are a farmer or landowner who wants to know more about becoming recognized by the state for your environmental efforts or who wants to know how to reduce environmental concerns on your property, please call Nicholas Machinski at (734) 302-8711 or Nicholas.machinski@macd.org.

Figure 2: The herd of Baseline Farm from Virtual Field Day on October 13th



Verifications by Fiscal Year

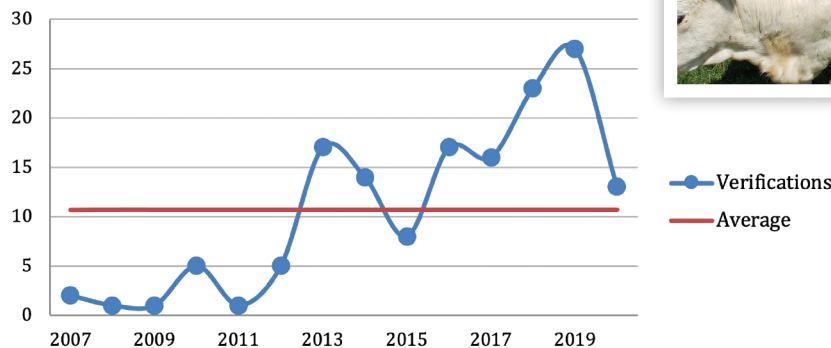


Figure 1: Historical verifications for Washtenaw County

2021 Spring Tree, Shrub & Native Plant Distributions



Your purchases support conservation work by the Washtenaw County Conservation District. Trees and plants are intended for conservation uses: reforestation, soil erosion control, windbreaks, screens, landscape naturalizing and wildlife habitat improvements. It is unlawful for these trees, shrubs and other plants to be resold with the roots attached, in accordance with the Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act, P.A. 189 of 1931.

TREE & SHRUB SALE

Pre-Order deadline March 19th

Pick Up Dates

Friday, April 23rd • 1-6 p.m.

Saturday, April 24th • 9-10:30 a.m.

Location

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road
3 miles south of I-94, Exit #175

Extra Trees & Shrubs

Any extra trees will be sold on Saturday, April 24th starting at 10 a.m. at the Farm Council Grounds. You will need to obtain a number card prior to the sale of extra trees during the tree pick-up times on Friday and Saturday.

NATIVE PLANT EXPO & MARKETPLACE

Pre-order deadline April 30th

Plants sold as pre-orders are from Designs by Nature and Wildtype and will be picked up during the Native Plant Expo and Marketplace on Saturday, June 5th.

Several native plant nurseries, native seed companies, landscaping companies, nonprofit organizations and more will be participating in the 2021 Expo. Additional plants, seeds and services will be available for purchase during the event. This event will have restricted entry and you must reserve a (free) ticket for entry on our website: www.washtenawcd.org.

Pick Up Date

Saturday, June 5th • 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds

UPCOMING DATES

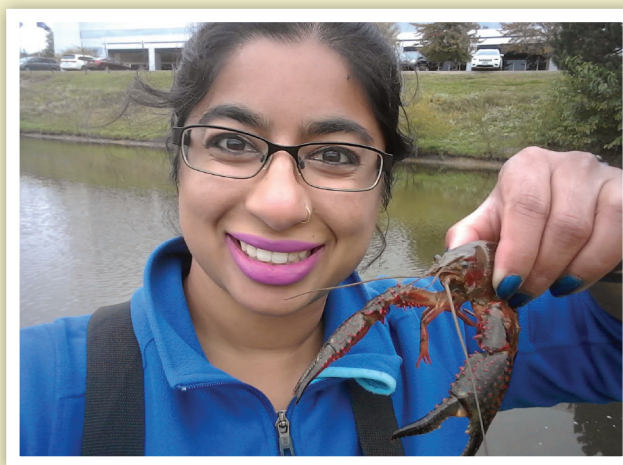
73rd WCCD Virtual Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 21st • 6:30-8p.m.

Keynote presentation: Have you seen a new type of plant or animal that has “suddenly appeared” out of nowhere? It might be an invasive species. Once an invasive species becomes established in an area, it becomes expensive and very time consuming to eradicate! JLW Cisma Coordinator, Dr. Shikha Singh will highlight a few invasive species found in Washtenaw County, as well as a few that are knocking on Michigan’s door. She will also share resources available to the community to identify and report potential species.

2020 Awardees

- ‘Walter Wolfgang Memorial’ Conservation Farmer of the Year 2020: Randy Klager
- Small or Beginning Conservation Farmer of the Year 2020: John Cox of Baseline Farm
- Tree Conservationist of the Year 2020: Walter Keppler



TO PLACE AN ORDER

Remove and complete the "2021 Spring Tree & Shrub Pre-Order Form" and/or the "Spring 2021 Native Plants Pre-Order Form" from the center of this catalog and submit with **FULL PAYMENT** (check or money order), including **SALES TAX** to the District Office by the order deadlines listed below. Orders can also be placed directly on the District website using credit card: www.washtenawcd.org.

No phone orders accepted. Please contact Doug Reith, Resource Coordinator, with any questions (contact below). Inventories are limited and orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. Order early for best availability. The District reserves the right to cancel orders and refund payments due to crop failures or other reasons beyond our control.

REFUND POLICY

Trees, shrubs and plants will be delivered in good condition. The District does not guarantee survival of trees and plants. District liability ends after trees or plants are presented to the buyer at pick up.

Orders cancelled 10 days prior to order deadline will receive a full refund. No refunds will be given on orders not picked up. If unable to pick up pre-orders during distribution days, arrangements **MUST** be made prior to the sale dates. The WCCD has very limited space for storage and will make few exceptions for pick up outside of sale dates.

For all questions regarding the Tree, Shrub and Native Plant pre-orders or the Native Plant Expo & Marketplace, please contact the Resource Coordinator, Doug Reith at: doug.reith@macd.org or (734) 302-8713.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY HABITAT GRANT FUND!

Donate directly to help Schools and Communities Plant Trees, Shrubs and Native Plants!

The Washtenaw County Conservation District (WCCD) School and Community Habitat Grant is designed to assist schools and communities 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 donations collected through June 5th, 2021. Schools and nonprofit community groups may apply for tree & plant material as well as design assistance through June 11th. Awardees will be announced in July for planting in fall 2021.

To donate to the grant fund directly, add your donation to your tree order form (line provided on the form), mail a check to our office or donate directly on our website: www.washtenawcd.org.

Questions or to request application contact Doug Reith, Resource Coordinator at (734) 302-8713 or doug.reith@macd.org.

Planning and Design for Native Plant Gardens Webinar

Wednesday, February 17th • 2-3:30 p.m.

Vern Stephens of Designs by Nature LLC will discuss details of how to select a site and design for various types of native gardens. Participants will have the opportunity to ask Vern questions during the live webinar on Zoom. Space is limited. RSVP on our website at www.washtenawcd.org or by calling (734) 302-8715.



Growing Native Plants for Butterflies Webinar

Wednesday, March 3rd • 6:30-8 p.m.

Author Brenda Dziedzic will present on the necessary components of a garden for butterflies and moths. Select plants to encourage and support Monarchs, Giant Swallowtails, Cecropias, and Lunas in your landscape. Planting the right plants will ensure that you will have them. Participants will have the opportunity to ask Brenda questions during the live webinar on Zoom. Space is limited. RSVP on our website at www.washtenawcd.org or by calling (734) 302-8715.

Volunteer for the WCCD!

Visit our website to sign up: www.washtenawcd.org/get-involved or email doug.reith@macd.org

ADDITIONAL EVENTS



Spring Tree & Shrub Distribution Friday, April 23rd and Saturday April 24th

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor 48103

Pre-order by mail or on our website.



Second Annual Native Plant Expo & Marketplace & Native Plant Distribution

Saturday, June 5th • 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor 48103

The Native Plant Expo & Marketplace is tentatively set for June 5th. A selection of native plant nurseries, nonprofits and native ecosystems landscapers will be available for a limited number of attendees. The Expo is free and open to the public but will require attendees to reserve a ticket. Visit our website for updates on vendors and safety measures. The native plant distribution for all pre-orders will also be hosted at the Farm Council Grounds at this time from Building B.

