



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

As we round the corner nearing our 75th anniversary, I am reminded of how much the Washtenaw County Conservation District (WCCD) has grown. The WCCD has been quietly and diligently delivering resources, education, and technical assistance to farmers and residents in the county for over seven decades. Our mission remains, to this day, to assist residents with the conservation, management, and wise use of natural resources in Washtenaw County.



Over the past nine years of serving on the district board, I have witnessed the success of the conservation district firsthand. I have met many new farmers who have been able to receive funding for new polytunnels; I have watched long-term farmers install new fencing due to support from NRCS cost-share programs; I have helped my farm to flourish with technical guidance on pollinator planting and cover cropping. The WCCD has helped to enable many conservation projects by connecting landowners to resources.

Washtenaw County is now home to a diverse landscape of agriculture and farmers. Our county farmers include many multi-generational farm families, new and beginning farmers, hobby growers, and backyard and community gardeners, each with different conservation focuses and needs. The WCCD

has expanded and tailored our scope of services and resources for residents and farmers to change along with this evolving farming landscape.

There is important conservation work yet to be done in Washtenaw County to improve water quality, protect our soils, preserve farmland in perpetuity, increase wildlife habitat, sequester carbon, and much more. We hope you will join us this year in celebrating the good work our residents and farmers have already contributed over 75 years and look forward to a collaborative and regenerative future.

Jill K. Dohner, Chair

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2022 BY THE NUMBERS

How We Support and Engage Our Community



2022 WCCD Outcomes

TREE & NATIVE PLANT SALES

Spring Trees & Shrub – total trees/shrubs (bare root) • **30,990**

Spring NP sale – total native plants • **11,046**

Fall Sale – total trees (bare root) • **7,700**

Fall NP Sale – total native plants • **4,591**

Rain Barrels Distributed **216**
Totes Distributed **23**
Composters Distributed **8**

Did You Miss One of Our Educational Events?

Visit the WCCD YouTube Channel at youtube.com/@wccd

2022 TOPICS INCLUDED:

- Building soil for resilient crops virtual shoptalk as part of the Farmer-Led Conservation Group
- Land Management planning webinar
- Conservation easement virtual seminar at Sharon Township

We hosted 12 public educational events that attracted almost 800 participants and generated over 1,500 views on our YouTube channel. Those outreach events included webinars, hands-on workshops, and in-person seminars throughout Washtenaw County.

One-on-One Technical Assistance
Served over 900 residents directly with conservation related questions and assistance requests on everything from woodlot management, invasive species identification, crop planning, native planting, beginning farmer resources and more.



Total Volunteers: 189
Combined hours: 773.5

The WCCD School & Community Habitat Grant • 2022 REPORT

The Washtenaw County Conservation District has announced the awards for the 2nd year of the WCCD School & Community Habitat Grant! We received eleven completed applications and our grant committee selected four organizations' projects to be awarded. The awardees will receive plants and consultations either this fall or next spring along with the timing of the annual WCCD plant sales.

The 2022 Habitat Grant Awardees are budgeted to receive up to \$5000 value in consulting services and plant materials planned for 2023. The 2022 Awardees and their projects include:

- Trinh Pifer Intergenerational Garden, Chelsea – Pollinator Preservation Project
- We the People Opportunity Farm, Ypsilanti – Educational Rain Garden and Pollinator Habitat
- Pittsfield Township – Community Center Native Plant Garden
- Ypsilanti Community Middle School, Ypsilanti - Wildlife Habitat Courtyard



Also, in 2022, all seven of the 2021 Habitat Grant awardees finalized planting their projects and provided their reports. They received over \$5500 value in consulting services and plant materials! They included two schools, two Homeowner's Associations, a conservancy nature preserve, a wildlife rescue nonprofit, and a food forest in a city park!

To support these projects, you can donate in the following ways: add a donation to your plant sales order form, mail a check to our office, or donate on the WCCD store website: store.washtenawcd.org. For questions or to request application contact Doug, our Resource Coordinator at 734-302-8713 or doug@washtenawcd.org.



2022 MAEAP Summary

The Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) is an innovative, proactive program that helps farms of all sizes and all commodities voluntarily prevent or minimize agricultural pollution risks such as overapplication of fertilizers, applying fertilizers/pesticides too close to open water or wetlands, manure storage issues, etc. Reducing these risks can increase the productivity of the farm, while also protecting the environment for us all. This is especially important in Washtenaw County, which lies in the Great Lakes drainage basin.

MAEAP had another successful year in Washtenaw County and continues to grow in popularity! A total of 20 verifications were completed by the WCCD on 12 farms and properties

totaling nearly 3,000 acres, and 4 of the farms were new to the program. Although farm operations are still the heart of MAEAP, many landowners are also realizing the importance of proper stewardship of their forest and wetland habitats by participating in the Forest Wetland Habitat (FWH) System of MAEAP. The FWH System made up a large proportion of the new Assessments, Verifications and Risk Reduction Practices, and this is a testament to the work being done by landowners of all sizes, stepping up and developing plans to protect habitats on their property.



For information contact:
Paul Buzzard, MAEAP Technician
313-282-0786
paul@washtenawcd.org.

More Conservation Practices and Dollars Committed on the Ground

The WCCD delivers conservation practices through two Natural Resource Conservation Service programs: the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). For the second straight year, the WCCD and NRCS have partnered to make Washtenaw County one of the most active counties in the state.

EQIP is a program where producers work with the WCCD and NRCS to identify and implement conservation practices to address a resource concern. The WCCD and NRCS worked together with these producers to assess, plan and implement

practices. Landowners implemented hundreds of acres of pollinator habitat, thousands of acres of cover crops, many high tunnels, fencing for pasture, finalized nutrient management plans, and much more in 2022.

CSP is a program that supports strong stewardship in agricultural conservation and offers an opportunity to take conservation to the next level. The program is designed to assist producers in enhancing previously implemented conservation practices. Landowners implemented nutrient uptake efficiencies, adapted no-till and minimum tillage practices, and much more in 2022.

EQIP and CSP Plan and Contract Totals

FY 2022 PLANS

Total EQIP and CSP Planned Acres 7,898
Total EQIP and CSP Planned Practices 87
Total EQIP and CSP Conservation Plans 41

FY 2022 CONTRACTS

Total CSP and EQIP Contracted Acres 3749
Total CSP and EQIP Contracts 24
Total CSP and EQP Contracted Practices 71

Total CSP and EQIP Contracted \$/Obligated
Roughly \$659,051

*Totals are not yet finalized and are subject to change before end of 2022



Farmer Cost-Share Report for FY22

Thanks to the support of the residents of Washtenaw County, the WCCD was able to expand the support we offer to local farmers. In early December of 2021, in partnership with the Washtenaw County Public Waste Division, the WCCD hosted a Tractor Tire Drive. Tires, which can cost up to \$100 a piece to dispose of, could be dropped off for free and recycled at Environmental Rubber. The collection helped thirty-five farmers recycle 154 tires that would otherwise be littering their farms and providing a breeding ground for mosquitoes. Washtenaw County Farm Bureau has joined the partnership for our Tractor Tire Drive this year, sponsoring another trailer so we can collect even more tractor tires from the community.

Funding support also went to best management practices on farms. The WCCD funded over fifteen acres of pollinator

habitat and over one hundred and thirty acres of cover crops this past year. With additional funding available this year, we hope to increase those numbers to fifty acres of pollinator habitat and two hundred acres of cover crops. Smaller expenses were also taken care of for farmers such as soil testing and well water sampling which help provide a little relief from farmer's pocketbooks.

The cost-share support provided by the WCCD and the residents of the county, is crucial since many of these projects would not happen otherwise. If you are a farmer and are interested in participating, then please visit our website washtenawcd.org and check out the Conservation Planning menu. There are limited funds available. We look forward to working with you on your project!

Equipment and Tool Rental Program: New in 2022

With only an old tree planter lost to time and rust, we have revived our Equipment & Tool Rental Program in 2022 to support residents and producers with professional conservation equipment and tools.

Launched in spring of 2022, the Hand Tools Lending Library offers 8 various soil testing, invasive removal, pruning, and planting tools, in addition to the Herbicide Application tools offered in collaboration with the JLW CISMA. The collection is now linked from the Ann Arbor District Library catalog.

The WCCD renewed our Equipment Rental Program by purchasing a Truax No-Till Grass Drill for conservation cover crops and restoration plantings. We launched the rental program with a No-Till Drill Demo Day in October, 2022 at Poplar Glen Farms in Clinton, MI. The drill is available to rent during planting seasons. **For information, visit www.washtenawcd.org or contact Paul Buzzard, our MAEAP Technician by phone at 734 302 8714 or email paul@washtenawcd.org.**



50 hand and herbicide tool rentals

24 residents have participated in the program so far

2023 Spring Tree, Shrub & Native Plant Sales

Your purchases support conservation work by the WCCD.

Trees and plants are intended for conservation use: reforestation, soil erosion control, windbreaks, privacy screens, landscape naturalizing, and wildlife habitat improvements.

Native plants have evolved and existed in this region prior to European settlement, and are adapted to local soils and climate, provide sustenance and shelter to wildlife, and preserve biodiversity."

TO PLACE AN ORDER

Orders can be made with the attached forms or directly on the WCCD store website using credit card: store.washtenawcd.org.

To submit your preorder on paper, remove and complete the "2023 Spring Tree & Shrub Order Form" and/or the "Spring 2023 Native Plants Pre-Order Form". Submit the form/s with FULL PAYMENT (check or money order), including SALES TAX to the WCCD Office by the preorder deadlines. No phone orders accepted.

Order early for best availability. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis while the limited inventories last. The District reserves the right to cancel orders and refund payments due to supplier crop failures or other reasons beyond our control.

REFUND POLICY

Plants will be delivered in good condition; any issues or concerns should be reported within a week of pickup. Customer assumes liability once the order is picked up. The WCCD does not guarantee survival of plants after pickup. Orders cancelled 14 days prior to pickup date will receive a full refund. No refunds will be given on orders not picked up. If unable to personally pickup an order, customers are responsible to make other arrangements to retrieve their order on the pickup date/s.

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

TREE & SHRUB SALE

Store Opens (Pre-Order): Jan 3rd
Paper Forms Deadline: Feb. 20th
Online Store Deadline: March 20th

Pick Up Dates

Friday, April 28th 1p.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday, April 29th 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Location

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road,
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
(3 miles south of I-94, Exit #175).

Extra Trees & Shrubs

Any extra trees will be sold on Saturday, April 29th starting at 10 a.m. at the Farm Council Grounds.

NATIVE PLANT SALE

Store Opens (Pre-Order): Jan 3rd
Paper Forms Deadline: Feb. 20th
Online Store Deadline: March 20th

Pick Up Date

Saturday, June 3rd, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Location

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds
5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
(3 miles south of I-94, Exit #175).

All preorder plants are from Designs by Nature and Wildtype and will be ready for pickup during the Native Plant Expo & Marketplace on Saturday, June 3rd. The 2023 Native Plant Expo & Marketplace will feature native plant nurseries, native seed companies, landscaping companies, nonprofit organizations and others. **Additional plants, seeds, and services will be available for purchase during the event.**



2023 Rain Barrel Sales The WCCD will reopen preorder sales for Rain Barrels, 275 Gallon Rain Totes, Tumbling Composters, and supplies on January 3rd, 2023. The first distribution pickup date will be March 27th, followed by dates in June, and September. Preorder must be made in advance of the pickup dates, details will be posted on the WCCD website.



WASHTENAW COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2023 SPRING TREE & SHRUB PRE-ORDER FORM

PICK-UP DATE: Friday, April 28th, 1-6 pm & Saturday, April 29th, 9-11 am

Paper Forms Deadline: Feb. 20th

LOCATION: Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103

Online Store Deadline: March 20th

NAME:

PHONE:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

Fill out this form, or (preferred) shop online at store.washtenawcd.org for more plant information & pictures!

CONIFER SEEDLINGS	AGE	SIZE	25	50	100	200	500		QTY	COST
Pine, White - <i>Pinus strobus</i>	2	5-10"	\$17	\$25	\$45	\$80	\$190			
Pine, Red - <i>Pinus resinosa</i>	2	6-12"	\$17	\$25	\$45	\$80	-			
Spruce, Black Hills - <i>Picea glauca</i> 'Densata'	2	6-12"	\$17	\$25	\$45	\$80	\$190			
Larch, American - <i>Larix laricina</i>	2	6-12"	\$25	\$45	\$80	\$140	-			

CONIFER TRANSPLANTS	AGE	SIZE	1	10 *	30	50	100	200	QTY	COST
Cedar, White - <i>Thuja occidentalis</i>	3	8-14"	\$4	\$40	\$80	limit 30 per customer				
Pine, White - <i>Pinus strobus</i>	4	12-18"	\$4	\$30	\$50	\$70	-	-		
Fir, Concolor - <i>Abies concolor</i>	3	8-14"					\$110	\$190		
Spruce, Norway - <i>Pinus strobus</i>	3	10-16"								
Spruce, White - <i>Picea glauca</i>	3	10-16"								

* Mix & match Conifer Transplants, choose:
(in multiples of 10 only, excluding White Cedar)

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

TOTAL	
QTY	COST

DECIDUOUS HARDWOODS	SIZE	1	25 *	50	100		QTY	COST
Beech, American - <i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$35	\$65	-	\$115		
Cherry, Wild Black - <i>Prunus serotina</i>	18-24"							
Gum, Black - <i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	18-24"							
Maple, Sugar - <i>Acer saccharum</i>	18-24"							
Oak, White - <i>Quercus alba</i>	18-24"							

* Mix & match Hardwoods, choose:
(in multiples of 25 only)

Any 2 bundles of 25 for \$65,
Any 4 bundles of 25 for \$115!

TOTAL	
QTY	COST

WILDLIFE SHRUBS	SIZE	1	25 *	50	100		QTY	COST
Lilac, Common - <i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$30	\$50	\$90			
Paw Paw, Common - <i>Asimina triloba</i>	12-18"	\$6	\$50	\$90	-			
Dogwood, Gray - <i>Cornus racemosa</i>	12-18"	\$4	\$40	\$70	\$130			
Elderberry, American - <i>Sambucus canadensis</i>	18-24"							
Serviceberry, Saskatoon - <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	18-24"							
Spicebush - <i>Lindera benzoin</i>	18-24"							
Winterberry - <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	12-18"							

* Mix & match Wildlife Shrubs, choose:
(in multiples of 25 only, excluding Paw Paw and Lilac)

Any 2 bundles of 25 for \$70,
Any 4 bundles of 25 for \$130!

TOTAL	
QTY	COST

LARGER TREES	SIZE	1	4		QTY	COST
Catalpa, Northern - <i>Catalpa speciosa</i>	3-4'	\$15	\$50			
Coffeetree, Kentucky - <i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	2-3'	\$15	\$50			
Maple, Black - <i>Acer nigrum</i>	3-4'	\$15	\$50			
Persimmon, Common - <i>Diospyros virginiana</i>	3-4'	\$15	\$50			



FRUIT TREES	Caliper	Height	Rootstock	NOTES (all bare root)	PRICE	QTY	COST	
Apple, Fuji "Aztec"	5/8"	5-6'	EMLA 7	Cross-pollination required	\$25			
Apple, Honeycrisp 'Royal Red'	3/4"	5-6'	EMLA 26			late harvest		
Apple, McIntosh 'Red'	3/4"	5-6'	EMLA 26			winter hardy		
Apple, Red Delicious 'Scarlet Spur 11'	5/8"	5-6'	EMLA 7			early season		
Cherry, Sweet 'Skeena'	3/4"	5-6'	Mazzard	Self-pollinating, late fruiting				
Nectarine, Redgold	3/4"	5-6'	Seed	Self-fertile, later ripening				
Peach, Red haven	3/4"	5-6'	Seed	Self-fertile, hardy & productive				
Pear, Bartlett	3/4"	5-6'	OHxF 87	Partially self-fertile, productive				

BERRY PLANTS		5	10	25	QTY	COST
Blueberry, Highbush - <i>Vaccinium corymbosum</i>	Root Cutting + 1 year, 12-18"	\$20	\$35	\$75		
Raspberry, 'Prelude' - <i>Rubus sp.</i>	Early ripening red, bare root	\$15	\$25	\$55		

TREE & SHRUB PACKETS	SIZE	Species may vary depending on nursery availability.	PRICE EACH	QTY	COST
10 seedlings in each packet.					
Deerfood Packet	12-18"	American Hazelnut, Chinkapin Oak, Persimmon, Domestic Apple, Coralberry	\$25		
Wetland Packet	12-18"	Spice Bush, Pussy Willow, River Birch, Button Bush, Nannyberry	\$25		
Rare Natives Packet - WCCD Special	12-18"	Black-Gum, Black-haw, Paw Paw, Kentucky coffee-tree	\$35		
Pollinator Packet	12-18"	Pasture Rose, Meadowsweet, American Plum, Choke Cherry, Red Osier Dogwood	\$28		

PLANTING AIDS	EACH	10	30	50	100	QTY	COST	
Weed Mats - includes 4 staples per mat	\$3	\$25	\$65	\$110	\$200			
Marking Flags - fluorescent orange on 36" wire	-	\$2.50	-	\$11	\$18			
Tree Shelter - 58", includes 74" fiberglass stake	\$8	For protecting hardwoods						
Tree Stakes	\$3	3/8" diameter, for use with tree shelters						
Plantskydd Repellent - 1 Qt. Liquid Spray	\$25	Protects 80-100, 1 ft. high trees						
Plantskydd Repellent - 1 Lb. Soluble Powder	\$27	Protects 200-300, 1 ft. high trees						
Plantskydd Repellent - 3.5 Lb. Shaker Jug	\$27	Protects 1,750 sq. feet.						
Fertilizer Tablets - 10 gram tablet	\$0.25	20-10-5 (N-P-K), use only as needed						
Root Dip - 2 oz bag	\$2.50	Creates dip gel for about 2000 seedlings						

Don't forget to calculate sales tax!

OFFICE USE ONLY	Rec'd by: _____
ORDER # _____	
Date Rec'd: _____	\$ Rec'd: _____
CK # _____ Cash _____ CC _____ Bal. Due: _____	
Refund: _____	

SUBTOTAL	
ADD 6% SALES TAX	
TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION	
Round up to support local School & Community Habitat Projects	
TOTAL	

Your purchases support conservation work by the Washtenaw County Conservation District. Thank you.

PAYMENT METHODS: Check or Money Order payable to: Washtenaw County CD. Credit Card accepted online.

- Drop off or Mail form with payment to: Washtenaw County CD, #201, 705 N. Zeeb Rd Ann Arbor, MI 48103
- Preferred: Order online with credit card or check: store.washtenawcd.org - includes photos & species info!

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Native plants are species that have evolved and existed in this region prior to European settlement, are adapted to local soils & climate, provide sustenance & shelter to wildlife, and preserve biodiversity.

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

Shop online for these and more from other nurseries on our website: store.washtenawcd.org

NAME:	PHONE:
ADDRESS:	EMAIL:

COMMON NAME	BOTANICAL NAME	SIZE	PRICE EA	QTY	COST
GRASSES					
Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Prairie Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Sweet Grass	<i>Hierochloa odoratum</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		* not available in plug flat
WILDFLOWERS					
Bergamot	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Big Leaf Aster	<i>Eurybia macrophylla</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Blue False Indigo	<i>Baptisia australis</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Blue Vervain	<i>Verbena hastata</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Boneset	<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Butterfly Milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Cardinal Flower	<i>Lobelia cardinalis</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Culver's Root	<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Cup Plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Foxglove Beard Tongue	<i>Penstemon digitalis</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Golden Alexanders	<i>Zizia aurea</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Great Blue Lobelia	<i>Lobelia siphilitica</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Ironweed	<i>Vernonia missurica</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Joe Pye Weed	<i>Eupatorium maculatum</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Lead Plant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Marsh Blazing Star	<i>Liatris spicata</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
New England Aster	<i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Nodding Wild Onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Purple Coneflower	<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Showy Coneflower	<i>Rudbeckia fulgida</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		"Black Eyed Susan"
Showy Goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Sky Blue Aster	<i>Symphotrichum oolentangiense</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Swamp Milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Wild Columbine	<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Wild Petunia	<i>Ruellia humilis</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		
Woodland Sunflower	<i>Helianthus divaricatus</i>	4 1/2" pot	\$5.50		

SINGLE SPECIES PLUG FLATS: WILDFLOWER or GRASS	COST	Species requested:	QTY	COST
Please indicate <u>one</u> species per plug flat.	\$80			
A full flat includes 38 2" plugs of one species.				
* Not available in flats: Sweet Grass.				



Community Trees Pilot Project

In response to concerns voiced by residents in the 2021 Resource Assessment Survey, specifically land use (zoning and pace of development) and fragmentation of forests, the WCCD developed the Community Trees Pilot Project. The Michigan Department of Natural Resource's Urban and Community Forestry grant awarded the WCCD almost \$15,000 to pilot a project examining the current distribution of trees and how local laws impact trees in four municipalities: Bridgewater Township, Sharon Township, Ypsilanti Township, and the City of Ypsilanti. The pilot project has provided a potential pathway to expand the program countywide depending on community feedback as well as funding and staff capacity. Educational materials and helpful tips, including for residents outside the pilot municipalities, can be found online at washtenawcd.org/communitytrees.


GARDEN KITS: Each kit is made up of a full flat of 38, 2" plugs. Includes layout for 4'x10' plot. Mix of 10-15 species per kit. **Specific species will vary depending on availability. **		EACH	QTY	COST
Butterfly Garden kit	Black Eyed Susan, Butterfly Weed, Columbine, Sand Tickseed, Pale Purple Coneflower, Mountain Mint, Wild Petunia, Tall Sunflower, Spiderwort, Prairie Blazingstar, Ironweed, Early Sunflower, Rock Harlequin, Showy Goldenrod, Compass Plant, Western Sun, Gray Coneflower **	\$80		
Grass Garden Kit	Big Bluestem, Bottlebrush Grass, Canada Wild Rye, Indian Grass, June Grass, Little Bluestem, Prairie Dropseed, Side Oats Grama, Sweet Grass, Switch Grass **	\$80		
Monarch Way-Station Garden Kit	Spirea, Sand Tickseed, Black Eyed Susan, Northern Blazing Star, Butterfly Weed, Wild Petunia, Roundleaf Ragwort, Tall Sunflower, Camroy Sunflower, Prairie Sage, Hoary Vervain, Pale Agoseris, Prairie Blazing Star, Swamp Milkweed, Clasping Milkweed, Showy Goldenrod, Smooth Blue Aster, Stiff Goldenrod, Thimbleweed **	\$80		
Pollinator Garden Kit	Tall Sunflower, Showy Cone, Sand Tickseed, Pale Purple Coneflower, Butterfly Weed, Hairy Beardtongue, Boneset, Giant Yellow Hyssop, Gray Cone, Thimble Weed, Wild Petunia, Showy Goldenrod, Skyblue Aster **	\$80		
Rain Garden Kit	Mountain Mint, Hibiscus, Blue Vervain, Spiderwort, Iris, Button Bush, Joe Pye Weed, Boneset, Ironweed, Swamp Milkweed, Riddell's Swamp Aster, Prairie Blazingstar **	\$80		
Shade Garden Kit	Colombine, Thimbleweed, Big Leaf Aster, Joe Pye Weed, Bottlebrush Grass, Spikenard, Spiderwort, Boneset, Purple Meadow Rue, Clematis, Bluestem Goldenrod, Heart Leaf Aster **	\$80		
Shoreline Garden Kit	Awl Fruited Sedge, Monkey Flower, Cardinal Flower, Sweet Flag, Mountain Mint, Marsh Blazingstar, Bottle Gentian, Swamp Milkweed, Joe Pye Weed, Boneset, Blue Lobelia, Smooth Swamp Aster, Brown Fox Sedge, Swamp Goldenrod, Turtlehead **	\$80		
Wildflower Garden Kit	Black Eyed Susan, Butterfly Weed, Columbine, Compass Plant, Gray Coneflower, Hairy Beardtongue, Hoary Vervain, Ironweed, Nodding Wild Onion, Wild Petunia, Prairie Alum Root, Prairie Blazing Star, Pussy Toes, Rock Harlequin, Spiderwort, Showy Coneflower, Stiff Goldenrod, Purple Coneflower, New Jersey Tea **	\$80		

COMMUNITY TREES PILOT PROJECT SUMMARY


GOALS



Promote Tree Benefits



Impact of Local Laws on Trees and Land



Ideas for Preserving & Increasing Trees



Encourage Local Government Participation

TIMELINE

3

PHASE Educational Materials & Results (Summer/Fall 2022)

Present findings & materials at community meetings to encourage resident engagement in local government & receive feedback

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2

PHASE Survey & Conduct Research & Analyses (Spring 2021)

Graduate student contractors perform ordinance review and GIS analyses
Tailor deliverables to needs of each community

✓

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PHASE Project Development & Funding (Fall/Winter 2021)


~\$15k from MDNR's UCF grant & coordinate with local officials/staff in pilot municipalities: Bridgewater, Sharon, Ypsilanti, and City of Ypsilanti

✓


WHAT CAN YOU DO?




LEARN
Community Trees




SPEAK UP
Community Trees




TEND A TREE
Community Trees



PROTECT YOUR LAND
Community Trees



VOLUNTEER
Community Trees



More Info Here!

OFFICE USE ONLY Rec'd by: _____

ORDER # _____

Date Rec'd: _____ \$ Rec'd: _____

CK # _____ Cash _____ CC _____ Bal. Due: _____

Refund: _____

Don't forget to calculate sales tax!

SUBTOTAL	
ADD 6% SALES TAX	
TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION	
Round up to support local School & Community Habitat Projects	
TOTAL	

Your purchases support conservation work by the Washtenaw County Conservation District. Thank you!

- PAYMENT METHODS:** Check or Money Order payable to: Washtenaw County CD. Credit Card accepted online.
- Drop-off or mail form with payment to: Washtenaw County CD, #201, 705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103
 - Preferred: Order online with credit card or check: store.washtenawcd.org - includes photos & species info!

REFUND POLICY: Plants will be delivered in good condition; any issues or concerns should be reported within a week of pick-up. Customer assumes liability once the order is picked up. The WCCD does not guarantee survival of plants after pick-up. Orders cancelled 14 days prior to pick up date will receive a full refund. No refunds will be given on orders not picked up. If unable to personally pick up an order, customers are responsible to make other arrangements to retrieve their order on the pick up date(s).

Please contact the WCCD Resource Coordinator for questions: 734-302-8713, or orders@washtenawcd.org



Ottawa-Stony North Watershed Management Plan Report for FY22

The Ottawa-Stony North Watershed Management Plan (OSN WMP) project is a partnership between WCCD, Monroe Conservation District, the department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) and local county and township partners. These partners



form a Steering Committee which help guide the planning process. The watershed itself flows from Washtenaw County and Wayne County through Monroe County and into Lake Erie. Part of the reason why it was decided that a plan should be pursued is that the watershed does not have a watershed plan to help guide its stewardship. It is also a part of the larger Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) which has been the focus organizations over the years as part of an effort to address nutrient loading.

Data collection has been the main priority of the Ottawa-Stony North Watershed Management Plan (OSN WMP) project this past year. After outlining our plans, we began gathering the following data for the project: tillage and residue management practices, water quality and livestock sites. In addition to collecting

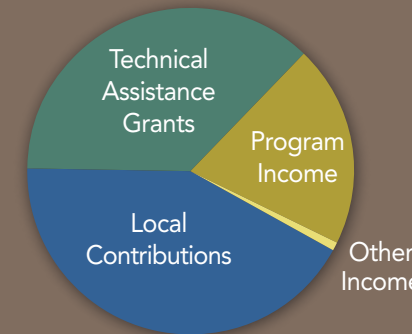
this data, we began to outline how we intend to gather input from the communities within the watershed. A survey has been created which will go out to producers within the watershed beginning in January of 2023. We will also be conducting stream walks in certain stretches of the watershed based off of the water quality data we've been collecting.

Once all of this data has been collected and analyzed the Steering Committee will work to write a Watershed Management Plan during the summer of 2023. The report will address issues or concerns that have been discovered during the planning process with solutions backed by science. These may include suggestions for the installation of certain agricultural practices, education of communities and/or further monitoring to be conducted. The report will then be submitted, and funding will be sought to put the plan into practice, bringing money to the watershed. This has been a long but rewarding process for all of us involved in this project and we look forward to continuing our work on it.

The JLW CISMA is approaching its fifth-year of providing invasive species education, outreach, survey, and management activities in the Jackson, Lenawee, and the Washtenaw Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area. Funding from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program and the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative allows JLW CISMA to survey and manage invasive species, assist residents in identifying unknown flora and fauna; provide training opportunities to partners, non-profit organizations, and local staff; and create a variety of educational materials aimed at invasive species identification and prevention. In the previous fiscal year, there were 88 engagement opportunities including events, seminars, training sessions, phone support, etc.) where JLW CISMA spoke to 1438 people directly. JLW CISMA has been able to reach 73,965 people through 558 passive efforts (such as email, social media, mailings etc.). In addition to providing information on familiar species such as Japanese knotweed and phragmites, we highlighted new threats to the region such as spotted lantern fly, European frog-bit, Japanese stiltgrass, and mile-a-minute weed. JLW CISMA staff, partners and volunteers were able to survey 743.3 acres of land and water for both terrestrial and aquatic invasive species, and perform physical or contracted herbicide treatment on 33.1 acres of land and water, a lot of which was done on public and high quality land. For questions or concerns related to invasive species, suggestions for native plant use, or inquiring about having our staff speak at your event, please contact the JLW CISMA Coordinator via email at shikha.singh@macd.org or phone 517-395-2089.

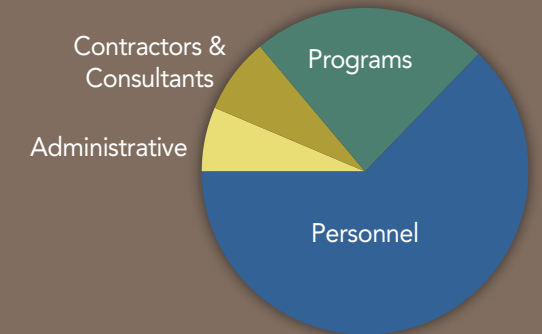


WCCD 2022 Financials*



REVENUE

Technical Assistance Grants	\$290,213
Local Contributions	\$374,550
Program Income	\$182,407
Other Income	\$6,714
Total	\$853,884



EXPENSES

Administrative	\$42,497
Programs	\$173,862
Personnel	\$427,570
Contractors & Consultants	\$53,161
Total	\$697,090

*Unaudited FY22 Financial Report

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Volunteer with WCCD!

Starting with this year's Spring Tree & Shrub Distribution, April 26th-29th, we're seeking a team of volunteers to help set-up, sort plants, prepack and provide customers with their orders. It's a fun way to learn about native plants and meet our community of growers! Visit washtenawcd.org/get-involved to join our volunteer email list.

As an added bonus: Volunteers receive early access to pre-sales and can pick up their orders early, at the distributions, at the end of their shift. Some volunteer shifts may be scheduled before the plants have arrived but those volunteers are welcome to return to pick-up their plants early.

Questions? Call Dru, our Volunteer Coordinator at 734-302-8715 to sign up for shifts or to change your existing shift times.

Testimonials

- Spring Tree & Shrub Distribution Volunteer:**
"I always appreciate the time I spend volunteering with this organization. It is educational. Sharing my experience planting trees learning other's experience planting and just talking about stuff is rewarding. I love working with y'all."
- Native Plant Expo & Marketplace Volunteer:**
"Felt welcomed and appreciated. Look forward to learning more about native species gardening and helping with future events."

Celebrating 75 Years of Conservation in Washtenaw County!



"No top soil here, we'd better conserve what we have on earth!"
Directors 1959



CUMULATIVE STATISTICS OVER THE YEARS

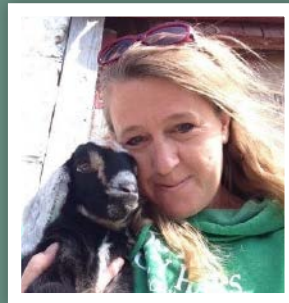
Cooperators/Landowners Assisted	75,572
Cooperator Acres	175,149 Acres
# Cons. Plans Developed/Revised	1,796
Acres of Conservation Plans	236,024 Acres
Reduced/Conservation Tillage	211,973 Acres
No-till	37,591 Acres
Crop Residue Management	112,480 Acres
Cover Crops/Conservation Cover	30,182 Acres
Contour or Strip Cropping	2,394 Acres
Grass Waterways	435 Acres
Grade Stab./Erosion Control Structures	285
Water Diversions	61,061 Feet
Filter Strips	124 Acres
Tree Planting	2,120 Acres
Woodland Improvement/Mgt.	1,039 Acres
Forestry Assistance	4,775

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Field Windbreaks/Hedgerow Plantings	505,865 Feet
Farmstead and Feedlot Windbreak	636,246 Feet
Trees/Shrubs Distributed	7,532,773
Native Plants Distributed	56,780
Pond Development	367 Acres
Wildlife Habitat Improvement/Mgt.	2,906 Acres
Recreation Area Improvement	209 Acres
Edu. Meetings/Presentations/Tours	1,677
Urban Sediment Basins	46
Livestock Waste Storage Facilities	81
PA116/PDR Applications Reviewed	345
Abandoned Well Closures	80
MAEAP Verifications	152
Fish Day-Fish Sold	13,398
Rain Barrels Sold	568
Composters Sold	62

75TH ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, January 19th at 5:30 p.m.

Join us in celebrating 75 years of conservation work in Washtenaw County at the Robin Hills Events Center in Chelsea. The evening will feature a keynote presentation by Becky Huttenga of Ottawa County on farmland preservation in Michigan. The meeting will also include a presentation on 75 years of conservation at the WCCD, highlighting key leaders and accomplishments; a Distinguished Service Award and Volunteer of the Year Award; and a snapshot of key priorities for the WCCD for 2026. Dinner will be provided by Wesley Catering.



KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: "Farmland Protection, Land linking, and the Future of Ag in Michigan". The loss of farmers, farms, and farmland is a complex problem of ever-increasing concern in the State of Michigan. This presentation shines a spotlight on the challenge of farmland protection and how the losses can be curtailed through agricultural easements, land linking, succession planning and more.

Tickets \$20 each, RSVP required. Tickets may be purchased at our online store store.washtenawcd.org/products/wccd-75th-annual-meeting-ticket or at the door.



NATIVE PLANT EXPO SPEAKER SERIES

Restoring Nature with Prescribed Fire

Thursday, January 26th
Zoom Webinar • 12 - 1:30 pm

Dave Borneman from Restoring Nature With Fire will discuss the importance of fire in our native ecosystems and the general process followed for a prescribed burn as a tool for restoration and maintenance.



Supporting Native Pollinators in Backyards to Barnyards

Thursday, February 23rd
Zoom Webinar • 12 - 1:30 pm

Connie Crancer from Pollinator Partnership will discuss how native plants support native pollinators and how to restore habitat in urban and suburban backyards to active farms.



A Year in Blooms – Pollinator Friendly Plants

Thursday, March 16th, in-person
(location TBD) • 6 - 7:30 pm

Vince Ste. Marie from Windy Rock Farm & Nursery will discuss how to select pollinator friendly plants for different garden settings.



GOT IDEAS? TELL US! Is there a specific speaker you'd like to hear? An important natural resource topic to address? A piece of equipment that would help you manage your property? A natural resources contractor (arborist, nursery, soil lab, etc.) you'd like to recommend? Compliments or complaints? Let us know by using the QR code or visit washtenawcd.org/wccd-2022-feedback.html.



ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Spring Tree & Shrub Distribution

Friday, April 28nd and Saturday April 29th

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

See the preorder forms enclosed in this newsletter or preorder online on our website starting January 3rd, 2022.



Fourth Annual Native Plant Expo & Marketplace

Saturday, June 3rd • 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

The Native Plant Expo & Marketplace features several native plant nurseries, seeds companies, native landscaping companies, and non-profit conservation organizations. Plants, seeds and services will be available for in-person shopping.

