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Washtenaw County Conservation District's

76TH ANNUAL MEETING

January 18, 2024 | The Ypsilanti Freighthouse



PROGRAM

5:30 PM	Early Arrival
6:00 PM	Buffet Dinner
6:20 PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
6:30 PM	Featured Program with Naim Edwards
7:20 PM	Awards
7:55 PM	Landowner Resource Webpage Announcement & Michigan Climate Smart Farm Program
8:20 PM	Election Results
8:25 PM	Closing Remarks & Door Prizes

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CONSERVATION DISTRICT HISTORY

Michigan's 75 Conservation Districts (CDs) are your local providers of natural resource management services -- much like your local fire, police, health, and school services. We're also your neighbors, helping fellow Michiganders conserve their lands and waterways so our environment can be a cleaner, healthier, economically stronger place to live, work and grow for our community.

Formed in response to the 1930s Dust Bowl, Conservation Districts are local units of government that utilize state, federal, and private sector resources to solve today's conservation challenges.

The guiding philosophy of Conservation Districts nationwide is that decisions on conservation issues should be made at the local level, by local people, with technical assistance provided by government-affiliated organizations. To this end, our CDs work hand-in-hand with local, state, and federal organizations to roll out programs that directly assist and impact the environmental quality of local communities.



Assisting residents with the conservation, management and wise use of natural resources in Washtenaw County since 1948.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION



Keynote Speaker: Naim Edwards
Title: Director of MSU - Detroit Partnership
for Food, Learning, and Innovation

The evening will feature a keynote presentation by Naim Edwards, Director of MSU Urban Ag Center, on urban agriculture and community resilience.

Naim will cover how cities were designed and how this is not always aligned with well-being. He will highlight his work in Detroit and how edible forests can play a role in addressing various community needs.

*"Cultivating Resilient
Communities with Edible
Forests"*

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2023 WCCD AWARDEES



Howards Sias
Distinguished Service Award



Helen Peters
Volunteer of the Year Award



Jill Dohner
Distinguished Service Award



Takunia Collins
Small and/or Beginning
Conservation Farmer of the
Year Award



Tom Shanahan
'Walter Wolfgang Memorial'
Conservation Farmer of the
Year Award



Family of Dean & Jane Wilson
Tree Conservationist of the
Year Award

Read more about these awardees on our website,
washtenawcd.org/2023awardees



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Thank you for attending the
76th WCCD Annual Meeting!

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