



FEBRUARY 2022 CONSERVATION UPDATE

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Native Plant Expo & Marketplace: New Venue Chelsea Community Fairgrounds

[20501 Old US-12 Hwy. Chelsea, MI 48118](#)

Save the date for the 2022 Native Plant Expo & Marketplace:

Saturday, June 4th, 2022, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The event will not be at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds (Saline Fairgrounds). We are looking forward to the event at the new location. If you have any questions or concerns, please call: [734 302 8713](tel:7343028713)

[Shop the Spring Sales online](#)



RAIN BARREL & SUPPLIES SALES RETURN

Now Available for Sale: Rain Barrels!

Rain barrels & Supplies are available now via preorder. After you've preordered, you'll receive details in advance for your pick-up date and location.

In 2022 there will be four Rain Barrel & Supplies distributions one in each month: March, May, June, and August.

For more the Rain Barrel & Supplies distribution dates/locations, details on picking up your order, and product details, see the [Rain Barrel pages on our website](#).

Pre-Order Here



Washtenaw County Conservation District
 IN-PERSON & ZOOM WEBINAR
Maintaining & Restoring Native Plant Gardens
 WITH VERN STEPHENS

Wednesday, March 9th
 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

[Register for In-Person or Zoom Webinar](#)

**'Maintaining & Restoring Native Plant Gardens'
 Seminar with Vern Stephens
 Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 at *The Matthaei Botanical Gardens*
1800 N. Dixboro Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48105**

Join for a seminar by Vern Stephens of [Designs By Nature, LLC](#) continuing from

his 2021 "Native Plant Planning & Design" virtual seminar. Vern's previous seminar is available on the WCCD YouTube channel: [Planning and Design for Native Plant Gardens Webinar](#)

In-Person Registration

Virtual Registration



Community Trees Pilot Project



TREE SURVEY

FOR THE RESIDENTS OF:

Bridgewater Township, Sharon Township,
Ypsilanti Township, & the City of Ypsilanti

**OPEN UNTIL
MARCH 21ST**

TAKE ONLINE AT
washtenawcd.org/forestry-pilot

CALL TO REQUEST A PAPER COPY
734-302-8715

Community Tree Pilot Project: Tree Survey

The survey period closes March 21, 2022.

Please spend 10 minutes to take the online survey for your municipality (Bridgewater Township, Sharon Township, Ypsilanti Township, & the City of Ypsilanti). If you do not have reliable access to the internet or a working email address, WCCD will have paper copies available at locations in your municipality (see info below). A paper copy can also be mailed to you by calling WCCD at [734-302-8715](tel:734-302-8715) or using the request form on this page. The survey period closes March 21, 2022. Results from the pilot project will be shared at a public meeting in fall 2022.

Take the Survey!





FRUIT TREE MAINTENANCE AND PRUNING

In-person at The Frost Apple Family Orchard
\$5 Registration goes to the School & Community Habitat Grant

for Backyard Growers

April 2nd, 2022, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Fruit Tree Maintenance and Pruning for Backyard Growers

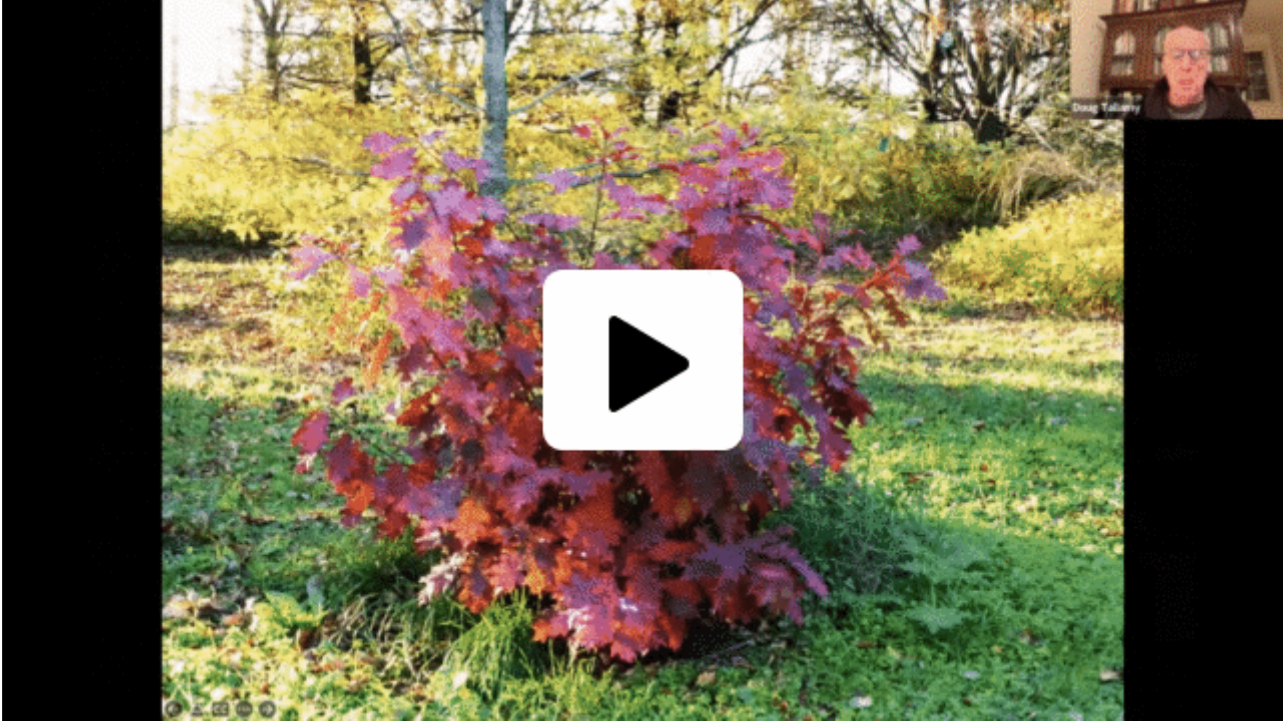
The Frosty Apple Family Orchard, 6884 Walsh Rd, Dexter, MI 48130

April 2nd, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This workshop will help homeowners and hobbyists successfully maintain fruit trees, especially apples. We will cover the basics of fruit tree care and pest management (insects, diseases, weeds, and wildlife) as well as pruning for new and overgrown fruit trees, including an outdoor pruning demonstration. Presenters include: Amy Irish-Brown and Anna Wallis, MSU Extension. Please dress appropriately for the weather - this event will be held in a barn and outside on uneven ground. No public restroom. Limited capacity, preregistration required, \$5 fee supports WCCD's School and Community Habitat Grant. Registration will open soon!

In-person Registration





Did you miss it?! Don't worry! Watch it here!

Webinar Recording: Nature of Oaks & Oak Regeneration in Michigan

On February 1st, the WCCD hosted a webinar with [Doug Tallamy](#), Professor of Agriculture and Natural Resources at University of Delaware and author of *Nature's Best Hope* and *The Nature of Oaks*, and [Mike Kost](#), Associate Curator, University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, and co-author of 3 books on the natural communities of Michigan. The presentation slides are available on the YouTube video page.

[Subscribe to the WCCD YouTube Channel](#)



Article written by Summer Roberts,
WCCD Community Forester

Tree-of-Heaven and Spotted Lanternfly: An Invasive Species Love Match

Do you have an invasive tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) in your yard, farm, or woodlot? Then you have a love match for the invasive spotted lanternfly (*Lycorma delicatula*). Don't let this insect's strikingly pretty appearance fool you!



This planthopper, native to China and Southeast Asia, damages over 70 species of trees, as well as vines and shrubs, through direct sap feeding as well as indirectly by creating excretions that attract mold. Tree-of-heaven, also native to China and once widely planted in the eastern United States for erosion control and as a street tree, is a highly preferred host plant for the insect. Why is this important?...*(continued)*

[Read Article](#)

Upcoming Events

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Rain Barrel Distribution

Friday, March 25th

[705 N. Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103](#)

The WCCD will be Rain Barrels & Supplies sales are returning in 2022. The WCCD offers rain barrels, composters, and related supplies available to the public to purchase for water catchment systems and composting systems. [Visit the WCCD online store.](#)

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[Webinar](#)

Registration will be posted by January.

[Register to attend in-person.](#) [Register to attend virtually.](#)

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Local Government Updates

- [Salem Township Land Preservation & Conservation Board](#) will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 15th 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, March 28th 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, March 1st at 7 p.m.**
 - [Dexter Township Open Space and Land Preservation Committee](#) will be meeting on **Thursday, March 3rd at 7 p.m.** at Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd, Dexter, MI 48130.
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