



JULY 2020 CONSERVATION UPDATE

Your Source for Conservation News in Washtenaw County



Rolling hills of Sharon Township

Share your Conservation Story

A Note from the District Manager:

This summer I am practicing a bit of non-action. Not only are we taking a break from intensive vegetable production at our farm (as described in the June

newsletter), we are in the midst of converting 4 acres of our tillable fields to native forbs and grasses, thanks in large part to the [Natural Resources Conservation Service \(NRCS\) Environmental Quality Incentives Program \(EQIP\)](#)! Right now this work requires patience and waiting for root systems of those native species to develop. Watch for an article about the process of establishing native plants in an upcoming issue of this newsletter.

In the meantime, we want to hear from you! Are you taking up hobbies, adventures or new projects outdoors this summer? Please share a story, photo(s) and/or video on how you are spending time in nature by sending an email to me at megan.deleeuw@macd.org. We'll feature stories on our facebook page and in our August newsletter!

Stay safe & be well,

Megan

P.S. Don't forget to vote on August 4th!

Order Rain Barrels & Accessories Now

Inventory Re-stocked on JULY 30th!

All rain barrels and accessories can be pre-ordered now. Pick-up from the District office (7203 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103). **The District Manager will contact you with pick up details the week of July 30th.**



[Order Rain Barrels & Accessories](#)

Lake Erie Algal Bloom Update

A webinar was hosted by the Ohio Sea Grant gave an update on July 9th. The purpose of the webinar was to give an update on this year's algal bloom in Lake Erie.

Photo: <https://coastwatch.glerl.noaa.gov/>



Midwest Invasive Species Network

The Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) is a regional effort to develop and provide early detection and response resources for invasive species.

Report invasive species [here](#).

Invasive Species Injector now available for rent!

The injector is used for treating Japanese, Bohemian, giant knotweeds, invasive phragmites. Rental is free with a \$50 refundable deposit is required at pick up. Injector is available on a first come first serve basis. [Contact Megan](#) to reserve and arrange pick-up.



In My Backyard

Part 8: Plant and Animal Inventory

By Nick Machinski

The container garden is going well and I've managed to harvest quite a bit of items for salads. I'm just waiting for my tomatoes and peppers to start ripening now.



Learn More About Rotational Grazing this Fall

Join us for a **virtual** visit to Baseline Farm this September to dig into the details of the art and science of rotational grazing management.

WCCD SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR 2020 CONSERVATION AWARDS

- **Conservation Farmer of the Year Award:**
 - Candidates demonstrate leadership in and commitment to conservation practices on the farm.
- **Tree Conservationist of the Year Award:**
 - Candidates demonstrate leadership in and commitment to tree planting and habitat restoration.
- **Small or Beginning Conservationist Farmer of the Year Award:**
 - Candidates demonstrate leadership in and commitment to conservation practices and have been farming less than 10 years or have less than 10 acres under production.

Please send all nominations along with description of candidate and reason you are nominating them to: megan.deleeuw@macd.org. Nominations are due August 31st.

Join the Big Tree Hunt!

ReLeaf Michigan launches 15th Biennial Big Tree Hunt!

[Learn More](#)

Upcoming Events

WCCD Move: August

The WCCD office will be re-locating to the Washtenaw County Services Building at 705 N. Zeeb Rd, Ann Arbor. We will be located on the second floor next to the Water Resources Commissioner's Office.

Virtual Field Visit: September

Join us for a virtual tour of a MAEAP verified farm. Several speakers will cover conservation topics and light refreshments will be included. Details TBA.

Fall Tree & Native Plant Distribution: Friday, October 2nd from 2 - 6 p.m.

A selection of conifer transplants, conifer seedlings and native plants will be available for pre-order on our website starting August 1st. Pick-up will be at the Farm Council Grounds (5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd, Ann Arbor 48103).

Washtenaw County Conservation District

Website: www.washtenawcd.org

Current address:

7203 Jackson Rd//Ann Arbor, MI 48103

New address as of 9/1:

705 N. Zeeb Rd//Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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