

Community REPORT

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

This December, the Washtenaw County Conservation District (WCCD) celebrates the close of 73 years of serving the conservation needs of residents. Over seven decades, we have grown and evolved to meet the needs of farmers, landowners and residents by distributing resources, offering educational opportunities and technical assistance. As we enter our 74th year, we are better prepared than ever to assist residents in facing the complex natural resource challenges that lie ahead.



The WCCD experienced exponential organizational growth in 2021. Our team now includes more specialized staff including a Conservation Technician, a Resource Coordinator, a Community Forester and an Outreach Coordinator. With in-kind support from Washtenaw County, we are now housed within a county service center in close proximity to our partners at Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner’s Office, Washtenaw County Public Works Department, and Michigan State University Extension. Our board has grown as well, welcoming on new board directors and new associate directors whose experiences and perspectives add breadth and depth to our leadership. This increased capacity and support has allowed the WCCD to more effectively engage existing partners, foster relationships with new partners, and commit to developing additional programs and services.

This summer, 948 Washtenaw residents representing various stakeholder groups participated in the WCCD’s countywide natural resource assessment survey to express their concerns. Land Use, specifically the impact of development growth and zoning regulations on natural areas and farmland preservation, was respondents’ top concern. The health of forests & woodlots followed with respondents identifying disease, pollution, invasive species, and fragmentation as key issues. Surface and groundwater quality, including the impacts of leaking septic systems, pollution, algal blooms and runoff, rounded out the top three concerns. For details on the results, see the summary article on page 7 of this report or visit our website for more information. Also, a special thanks to all those who participated! The WCCD used the information gathered through this survey to develop our five-year strategic plan and to tailor our programs and services for 2022 and beyond to fit the needs and concerns of the community we serve.

It is in large part due to the countywide millage that was passed in August of 2020 that we were able to accomplish so much this year and begin building for the future. We look forward to continuing to work together towards a more environmentally resilient Washtenaw.

Be well & Stay safe,



Megan DeLeeuw, Executive Director,
Washtenaw County Conservation District

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One-On-One Technical Assistance

Served as a hub of conservation resources and education: assisted residents with problem solving and connecting to resources on everything from woodlot management, invasive species identification, crop planning, native plants, beginning farmer resources and more



Resource Distributions

Spring Tree and Native Plant Distribution

30,350 trees and shrubs,
15,873 native plants



Fall Tree and Native Plant Distribution

7,050 trees and
4,406 native plants



Donated over **500** trees, shrubs and plants to:

- A2 Office of Sustainability and Innovation Tree Giveaway
- 4 schools, 1 HOA, 2 nonprofits, 1 nature preserve

Rain barrels distributed/gallons diverted from storm water

148 barrels + **18** totes /
Estimated **309,400** gallons of rainwater collected (a **183%** increase over 2020!).



Washtenaw County Conservation District 2021 Overview

◀ Hosted Virtual Farmer-Focused Events

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



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Total volunteers
244 people for a
combined **781** hours



Engaged **923**
residents in
educational events:
– “Planning and
Design for Pollinator
Gardens” with Vern
Stephens of Designs
by Nature, LLC
– “Native Plants
for Butterflies
and Monarchs” with
Brenda Dziedzic

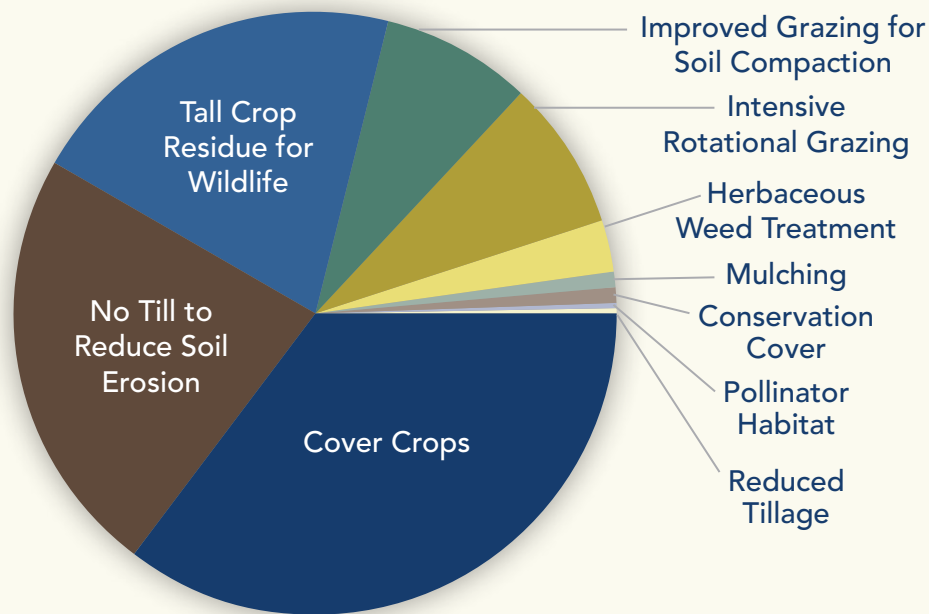
- “Food Forest Tour” in partnership with Growing Hope and Will Forage for Food
- Pollinator activity with Grizzly Learning Camp at Estabrook Elementary in Ypsilanti

The WCCD School & Community Habitat Grant 2021 REPORT

The inaugural 2021 WCCD School & Community Habitat Grant was a great success! We received seven complete applications and were able to award all applicants with plant materials and/or consultation support. The awardees and their projects are listed below.

- **Ann Arbor Open School** – “Michigan Native Trees for Education & Play”
- **The Community Food Forest at Leslie Park** – Food Forest Expansion
- **Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy** – LeFurge Woods Rain Gardens
- **Ypsilanti International Elementary School** – “YIES Learning Garden”
- **Pittsfield Village** – “Sustainable Meadows Project”
- **Bird Center of Michigan** – “Habitat Sanctuary”
- **University Palisades Homeowners Association** – “Native Plant/Wildlife Habitats & Beautification”

Washtenaw County CSP Enhancements by Acre: 584 Acres of Practice Implementation



NRCS Fiscal Year 2021 Recap

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Washtenaw County has been close partners with the Washtenaw County Conservation District (WCCD) since the latter's founding in 1948. The WCCD's Conservation Technicians work directly with residents and landowners to connect the Washtenaw community with Farm Bill programs administered by NRCS, including the Environmental Quality Initiatives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to producers to address natural resource concerns and reduce environmental impacts. CSP helps producers maintain and improve existing conservation systems and adopt additional conservation activities.

With the WCCD staff heavily involved in the promotion and implementation of EQIP and CSP, demand and involvement have continued to grow in Washtenaw County. In 2021, CSP became highly sought-after and went from 2 contracts obligated in FY 2020, to 12 obligated contracts in FY 2021, a 500% increase in

obligated contracts as producers took advantage of the five years of payments available for added practices, such as increased cover crops or no till to reduce soil erosion. The demand for EQIP has also continued to grow, as more and more producers have taken an interest in bringing conservation to their farm in the form of Seasonal High Tunnels, Forest and Grazing Management Plans, and other Conservation Practices. The WCCD Technicians develop Conservation Plans for EQIP and CSP, and in some cases can guide producers and landowners through the entire planning and funding process. CSP and EQIP were the WCCD's focus in 2021, but the NRCS Field

office offers additional Farm Bill programs such as the Agriculture Conservation Easement Program (ACEP), and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).



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

2021 MAEAP in Washtenaw County

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. MAEAP had another successful year in Washtenaw County and continues to grow in popularity! A total of 17 verifications were completed by the WCCD on 11 farms and properties, 9 of which were new to the program. Through MAEAP, there were 212 risk reduction practices implemented, including: Land Management Plans, well water sampling, fixing manure storage issues, etc. These practices can increase the productivity of the farm, while also protecting the environment for us all.

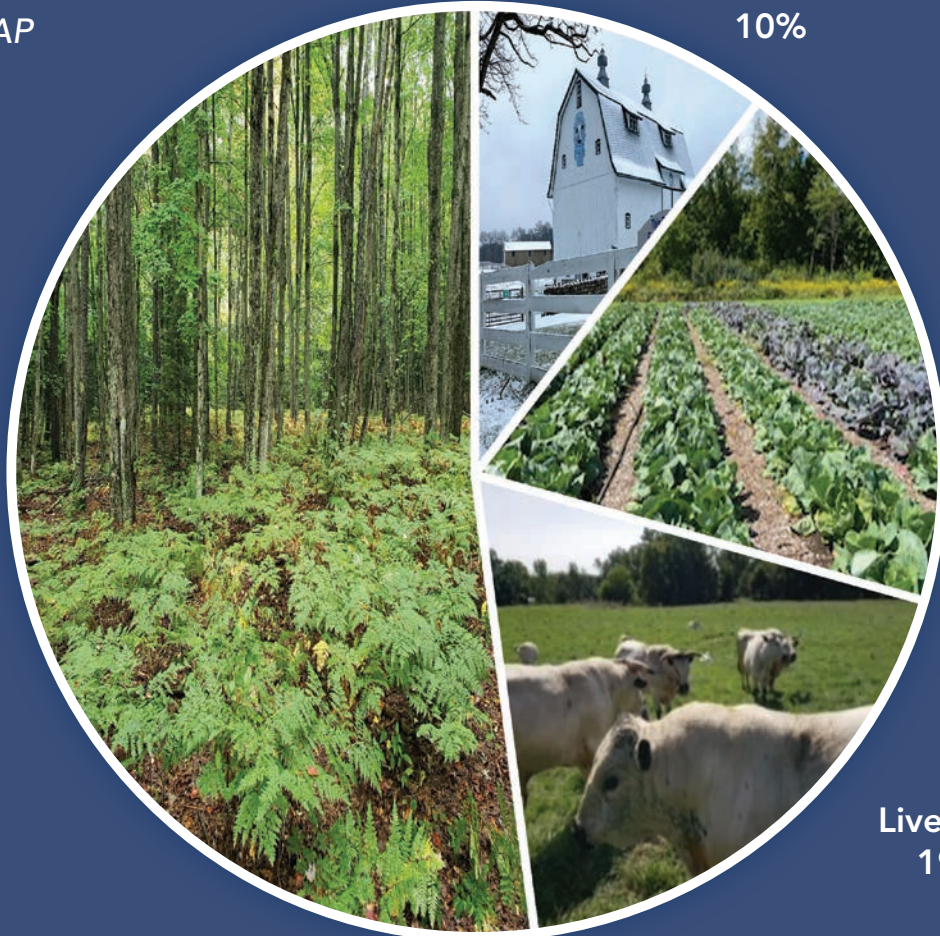
Although farm operations are still the heart of MAEAP, many landowners are also participating in the Habitat System. When breaking down the data, the Habitat System saw the most new Assessments, Verifications and Risk Reduction Practices. This is a testament to the work being done by landowners of all sizes, stepping up and developing plans to protect habitats on their own property.

For more information contact Nick Machinski, MAEAP Technician, 734-302-8711, nick@washtenawcd.org.



Percent of MAEAP risk reductions implemented in Washtenaw County in 2021

**Habitat
52%**



**Farmstead
10%**

**Cropping
19%**

**Livestock
19%**

2022 Spring Tree, Shrub & Native Plant Sales

Your purchases support conservation work by the WCCD. Trees and plants are intended for conservation uses: reforestation, soil erosion control, windbreaks, privacy screens, landscape naturalizing and wildlife habitat improvements.



TO PLACE AN ORDER

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

To submit your preorder on paper, remove and complete the "2022 Spring Tree & Shrub Order Form" and/or the "Spring 2022 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. 18th
Online Store Deadline: March 18th

Pick Up Dates

Friday, April 22nd 1p.m.-6 p.m.
Saturday, April 23rd 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 23rd starting at 10 a.m. at the Farm Council Grounds.

NATIVE PLANT

Store Opens (Pre-Order): Jan 3rd
Paper Forms Deadline: Feb. 18th
Online Store Deadline: March 18th

Pick Up Date

Saturday, June 4th, 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 4th.

The 2022 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.**

WASHTENAW COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT 2022 SPRING TREE & SHRUB PRE-ORDER FORM

PICK-UP DATE: Friday, April 22nd, 1-6 pm & Saturday, April 23rd, 9-11 am

Paper Forms Deadline: Feb. 18th

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

Online Store Deadline: March 18th

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
White Pine - <i>Pinus strobus</i>	2	5-10"	\$15	\$25	\$45	\$80	\$190			
Red Pine - <i>Pinus resinosa</i>	2	6-12"	\$15	\$25	\$45	\$80	\$190			
Fraser Fir - <i>Abies fraseri</i>	1	7-12"	\$50	\$75	\$125	-	-			
Red Cedar - <i>Juniperus virginiana</i>	1	5-10"	\$25	\$45	\$80	-	-			

CONIFER TRANSPLANTS	AGE	SIZE	1	10 *	30	50	100	200	QTY	COST
American Larch - <i>Larix laricina</i>	2	12-18"	\$4	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$110	\$190		
White Pine - <i>Pinus strobus</i>	4	18-24"	\$4	\$30	\$50	\$70	-	-		
White Spruce - <i>Picea glauca</i>	3	10-16"	\$4	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$110	\$190		
Norway Spruce - <i>Picea abies</i>	3	10-16"	\$4	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$110	\$190		

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

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
Black Cherry - <i>Prunus serotina</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$35	\$50	\$80			
Tulip Poplar - <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	12-18"	\$4	\$35	\$50	\$80			
Bitternut Hickory - <i>Carya cordiformis</i>	18-24"	\$8	\$75	\$120	-			
Silver Maple - <i>Acer Saccharinum</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$35	\$50	\$80			
Red Oak - <i>Quercus rubra</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$35	\$50	\$90			
Northern Pecan - <i>Carya illinoensis</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$35	\$50	\$90			

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

Any 2 bundles of 25 for \$50,
Any 4 bundles of 25 for \$90!

TOTAL	
QTY	COST

WILDLIFE SHRUBS	SIZE	1	25 *	50	100		QTY	COST
Saskatoon Serviceberry - <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>	12-18"	\$4	\$35	\$60	\$85			
Red Osier Dogwood - <i>Cornus sericea</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$30	\$50	\$75			
American Hazelnut - <i>Corylus americana</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$40	\$70	-			
Lilac, common - <i>Syringa vulgaris</i>	12-18"	\$4	\$25	\$45	\$75			
Pussy willow - <i>Salix discolor</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$35	\$60	\$85			
Paw Paw, Common - <i>Asimina triloba</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$50	\$90	-			
Ninebark - <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>	12-18"	\$4	\$30	\$50	\$80			
Winterberry - <i>Ilex verticillata</i>	18-24"	\$4	\$45	\$75	-			

* Mix & match Wildlife Shrubs, choose:
(in multiples of 25 only)
(excluding Paw Paw, Hazelnut, or Winterberry)

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

TOTAL	
QTY	COST

LARGER TREES	SIZE	1	4		QTY	COST
Redbud - <i>Cercis canadensis</i>	3-4'	\$15	\$50			
Sycamore - <i>Platanus occidentalis</i>	3-4'	\$15	\$50			
Pin Oak - <i>Quercus palustris</i>	3-4'	\$15	\$50			
Paper Birch - <i>Betula papyrifera</i>	3-4'	\$15	\$50			
Basswood - <i>Tilia americana</i>	3-4'	\$15	\$50			



FRUIT TREES	SIZE		Rootstock	NOTES (all bare root)	PRICE	QTY	COST
Apple, Enterprise	3/4"	5-6'	EMLA 111	Cross-pollination required	\$22		
Apple, Gale Gala	5/8"	5-6'	EMLA 111	Cross-pollination required	\$22		
Apple, Granny Smith	3/4"	5-6'	EMLA 111	Cross-pollination required	\$22		
Apple, Liberty	3/4"	5-6'	EMLA 111	Cross-pollination required	\$22		
Sweet Cherry, Hedelfingen	3/4"	5-6'	Gisela 12	Cross-pollination required	\$25		
Peach, BlazingStar	3/4"	5-6'		Self-fertile	\$25		
Pear, Blake's Pride	3/4"	5-6'	OHxF87	Partially self-fertile	\$22		
Nectarine, Flavotop	3/4"	5-6'		Self-fertile	\$22		

BERRY PLANTS	<i>Both are cultivated varieties</i>		PRICE PER BUNDLE:			QTY	COST
Blackberries, Chester	Thornless, plug plants		5/\$20	10/\$35	25/\$75		
Raspberries, Prelude	Early ripening red, bare root		5/\$15	10/\$25	25/\$55		

TREE & SHRUB PACKETS <i>10 seedlings in each packet.</i>	SIZE	Species may vary depending on nursery availability.	PRICE EACH	QTY	COST
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	\$22		
Rare Natives Packet *WCCD Special	12-18"	New Jersey Tea, Blackhaw, Paw Paw, Kentucky coffee-tree	\$30		
Nut Packet	12-18"	American Hazelnut, Northern Pecan, Butternut, Black Walnut	\$25		

PLANTING AIDS	PRICE EACH	BULK PRICING / INFO:				QTY	COST
Tree Shelters - 4-foot tall	\$4	For protecting hardwoods					
Tree Stakes - 5-foot fiberglass	\$2	3/8" diameter, for use with tree shelters					
Weed Mats - includes 4 staples per mat	\$2	10/\$17	30/\$49	50/\$79	100/\$154		
Plantskydd Repellent - 1 Qt. Liquid Spray	\$23	Protects 80-100, 1 ft. high trees					
Plantskydd Repellent - 1 Lb. Soluble Powder	\$25	Protects 200-300, 1 ft. high trees					
Plantskydd Repellent - 3 Lb. Shaker Jug	\$25	Protects 1,750 sq. feet.					
Marking Flags - fluorescent orange on 36" wire	-	10/\$2	-	50/\$9	100/\$16		
Fertilizer Tablets - 10 gram tablet	\$0.25	20-10-5 (N-P-K), use only as needed					
Root Dip - 2 oz bag	\$2	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 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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Please contact our Resource Coordinator for questions: (734) 302-8713, orders@washtenawcd.org



WASHTENAW COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2022 SPRING NATIVE PLANT PRE-ORDER FORM

PICK-UP DATE: Sat. June 4th, 9am-1pm at the Native Plant Expo & Marketplace

Paper Forms Deadline: Feb. 18th

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

Online Store Deadline: March 18th

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

Shop online for these and more from Wildtype Nursery on our website: store.washtenawcd.org

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



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

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 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 our Resource Coordinator for questions: (734) 302-8713, orders@washtenawcd.org



A Recap of the 2021 Natural Resource Assessment

Every five years, the WCCD conducts a resource assessment to identify natural resource/environmental concerns in Washtenaw County, how residents use the WCCD, and how we can best assist residents. The RESULTS ARE IN and have been helping the WCCD staff determine what programs to expand, create, and plan for in the future. The WCCD heard from 948 residents and some questions allowed multiple responses so answers may add up to more than 100%.

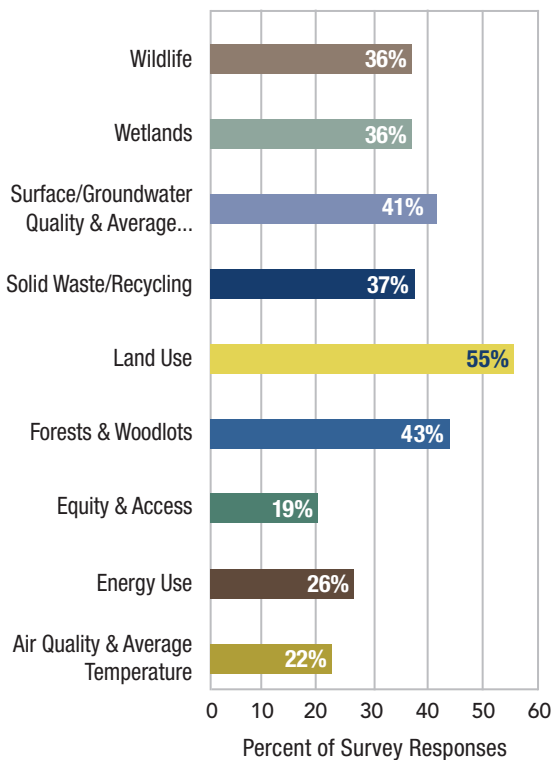
Residents' Top 3 Natural Resource/Environmental Concern Categories and Specifics:

- 1. Land Use:** pace of development growth and zoning regulations (68%), support natural areas preservation (67%) and farmland preservation (59%).
- 2. Forests and Woodlots:** disease, pollution, or invasive species impacts (65%), fragmentation (59%), and lack of management on private lands (43%)
- 3. Surface/Groundwater Quality and Average Temperature:** groundwater quality (70%) and surface water quality (62%), and stormwater management (49%).

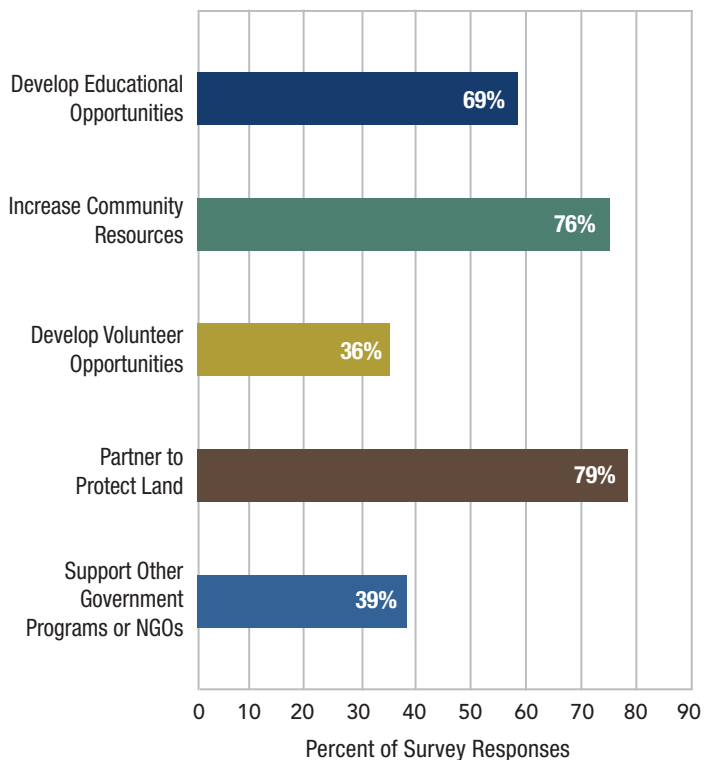
Residents' Top 3 Preferences for the WCCD Program Categories and Specifics:

- 1. Partner to Protect Land:** one-on-one technical assistance with land protection and conservation options (68%), one-on-one technical assistance with conservation practices and cost-share programs (55%), develop a program to connect landowners with new farmers who want to buy land (54%), and develop a farmland leasing program (increase access for new farmers) (51%).
- 2. Increase Community Resources:** expand the tree/shrub and native plant distributions (71%), offer additional resources (51%), create an interactive database of conservation resources on the WCCD website (48%), and improve the tool and equipment rental program (48%).
- 3. Develop Educational Opportunities:** increase seminars and workshops for general public/hobbyist gardeners/conservationists (69%), in-depth and topic-specific training programs for adults and/or professionals (60%), and K-12 educational opportunities and/or teacher training (57%).

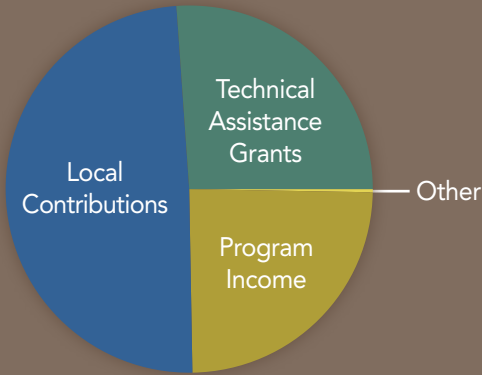
Washtenaw County Natural Resource Concern Main Categories



Residents' WCCD Program Category Preferences

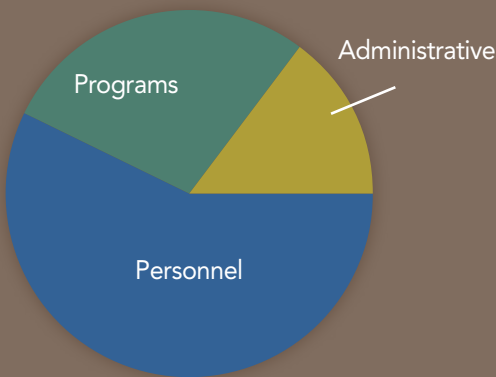


Washtenaw County Conservation District 2021 Financials



REVENUE

Technical Assistance Grants	\$194,622
Local Contributions	\$363,445
Program Income	\$181,583
Other Income	\$1,212
Total\$740,862



EXPENSES

Administrative	\$70,767
Programs	\$133,378
Personnel	\$273,004
Total\$477,149

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Matt Koenn, *Chair*
- Jill Dohner, *Vice-Chair*
- Matt Nolan, *Treasurer*
- Shannon Brines, *Secretary*
- Howard Sias, *Director*
- Hannah Weber, *Associate Director*

Also served on the Board of Directors in 2021:

- Don Rentschler
- Hannah Bradshaw

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2022 Director Elections

Conservation District Directors A five-member board of directors governs the Washtenaw County Conservation District. Members are elected by residents of the District at its annual meeting. Directors serve four-year terms, are non-salaried, and receive a meeting allowance and reimbursement for mileage and actual expenses only.

The Board is responsible for the development and implementation of all District programs, financial management, organizational oversight and directs long-term strategic planning. The Board meets monthly to hear reports from staff, plan programs and activities, approve bills and financial plans.

Voter Registration All residents of the Washtenaw County Conservation District (Washtenaw County) who are of legal age and have demonstrated residency by one (1) piece of identification may vote by casting 1 ballot at the annual meeting.

Residents may also vote by requesting an absentee ballot by mail, or filling out a ballot at the WCCD office starting Monday, December 6th, 2021.

HANNAH WEBER is a co-founder of the Green Things Farm Collective, a small-scale community farm with a deep commitment to organic no-till and other conservation practices, located on conserved land in Ann Arbor Township. With an upbringing deeply tied to the woods and farms of Northern Michigan, and a background in photography and writing, Hannah found her way to a career in small-scale farming through her love of food and art making. She cut her teeth by way of intensive training in organic farm management through Michigan State's Student Organic Farm, and after running The Land Loom as a sole proprietor for five years, joined forces with Green Things Farm and Ann Arbor Seed Co. Hannah currently serves on ALPAC and is excited to be serving as an Associate Director of the WCCD in order to share her perspective as a first generation farmer and to have a greater impact on land and natural resource conservation in Washtenaw County.



northern Washtenaw, 75 of which are preserved with a conservation easement. With ever expanding interests in biodiversity, agroecology, and perennials, Brines Farm has planted tens of thousands of trees and perennial plants while practicing regenerative and restorative agriculture techniques. Off-farm Shannon is an applied geographer at the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability, and has been active with many non-profit and governmental land preservation, agriculture, and food systems efforts.

MATTHEW NOLAN has been grateful to join the WCCD as a Director and Treasurer at such an exciting time of growth and opportunity. The county put its trust in the District by passing the 2020 millage which has allowed the District to more actively conserve soil, water, and habitat in a wide array of new initiatives. Matt aspires to use his degree in Conservation Biology and career as a science teacher to lend perspective on how these initiatives can reach the increasingly diverse people and environmental needs of the county. As a WCCD 2019 Tree Conservationist of the Year award recipient and passionate gardener he also hopes to help continue getting his hands dirty getting plants in the ground so that we can improve the land for generations to come.



SHANNON BRINES The first trees Shannon ever planted when he was a child were purchased through the conservation district's tree sale. Shannon is passionate about all facets of the conservation district's history, mission, structure, events, and programming. First elected in January 2020, he wishes to continue to help improve, diversify, and expand those efforts. Shannon also wishes to continue to help increase and broaden access to the conservation district for everyone in our Washtenaw community. Shannon established Brines Farm in 2004, initially offering year-round produce. USDA organic certification and State of Michigan tree and shrub nursery grower license were added since. In 2012, Shannon and family were able to expand their operation onto 90 total acres they steward in



HOWARD SIAS is a lifelong resident of Lima township. He has been a crop farmer and grown corn, soybeans, wheat, rye, hay and also managed livestock. Howard's family farm has been in the family for over 100 years. Howard serves on many local boards and committees including: 9 years on the Washtenaw Farm Service Agency County Committee, 21 years on the Lima Township Planning Commission and has been on the board of directors for the Washtenaw Conservation District for almost 20 years.



UPCOMING DATES

The 74th WCCD Annual Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
Robin Hills Farm Event Center
20390 Stockbridge Chelsea Rd. (M-52), Chelsea, MI

Dinner provided by Wesley's Catering. Tickets are \$15 each. Purchase tickets on the WCCD website.

Keynote Speaker: Asia Dowtin is an Assistant Professor of Urban and Community Forestry in Michigan State University's Department of Forestry. Her work explores the relationships that exist between urban canopy structure, spatial context, and plant-water interactions and is intended to broaden our understanding of the influence of species composition and surrounding land use on urban forest function. A major goal of Dr. Dowtin's work is to utilize this knowledge to inform the development of urban forest management plans, specifically those intended to optimize yield of select regulating and supporting ecosystem services by municipal trees. She holds an extension appointment, which she uses, in part, to aid in the development of arboriculture and urban forestry educational materials for K-12 curriculum, continuing education, and workforce development programming. She earned her M.S. and Ph.D. in Geography from the University of Delaware, and her B.S. in Meteorology from the State University of New York College at Oneonta.



- **Conservation Farmer of the Year 2021:** Lee Maulbetsch
- **Small or Beginning Conservation Farmer of the Year 2021:** Malaika Whitney and Matthew Harklew of Whitney Farm
- **Tree Conservationist of the Year 2021:** Kirt Tidwell
- **Volunteer of the Year 2021:** Linda Prieskorn

RSVP required for in-person event limited to 60 people. The event will also be available for real-time viewing over the internet. See the WCCD website for details and link for attending virtually.

Winter Woody Plant Identification Webinar

Tuesday, January 11th • 6-7:30 p.m. • Zoom Webinar
Join this Zoom Webinar talk led by Martha Holzheuer, a landscape ecologist and owner of Nature Niche LLC. The talk focus on winter identification of common invasive and native shrub species that can be managed over the winter months, followed by a Q&A session.



Waterbody Health: Benefits of Natural/Living Shorelines Webinar

Thursday, January 27th • 6-7 p.m. • Zoom Webinar
Are you concerned about the water quality in your stream or lake? Frustrated by nuisance geese along your lake shoreline? Fed up with algal blooms or an eroding shoreline? Come learn how natural, living shorelines can protect water quality, be aesthetically pleasing, deter nuisance wildlife, and stabilize your shoreline. Erick Elgin, our presenter, is an aquatic ecologist and water resources educator with Michigan State University Extension.



Native Plants & Natural Communities Q&A Webinar Discussion with Doug Tallamy & Michael Kost



Tuesday, February 1st from
6:30-8 p.m. Zoom Webinar

Join us for a virtual discussion about Native Plants 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 Michael Kost, lead ecologist / senior conservatio scientist with Michigan Natural Features Inventory and co-author of three books on the natural communities of Michigan. *Submit your questions in advance on the WCCD website.*



Spring Tree & Shrub Distribution

Friday, April 22nd and Saturday April 23rd at 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.



Native Planting Seminar



Wednesday, March
9th from 2-3:30 p.m.

Join for seminar by Vern Stephens of Designs By Nature, LLC continuing from his 2021 "Native Plant Planning & Design" virtual seminar.

Third Annual Native Plant Expo & Marketplace

Saturday, June 4th from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 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.*



Rain Barrels & Composters Distributions

The WCCD will reopen preorder sales for Rain Barrels, 275 Gallon Rain Totes, Tumbling Composters, and supplies on January 3rd, 2022. The first distribution pickup date will be March 25th, followed by dates in May, June, and August. *Preorder must be made in advance of the pickup dates, see the WCCD website for more information.*

To RSVP, or for more information on upcoming events, please visit our website at www.washtenawcd.org, email info@washtenawcd.org or phone 734-302-8715.

Volunteer for the WCCD!

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