



**APRIL 2026 CONSERVATION UPDATE**  
**Your Source for Conservation News in Washtenaw County**

**Read the Latest News from the  
Conservation District:**

- [\*\*Michigan Conservation Stewardship for Farms Program\*\*](#) (formerly MI Climate Smart Farms Program) [\*\*has re-launched with a new focus on "Farmer First!"\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Welcoming New Staff: Shazia and Terzah\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Why I Love Native Plants\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Spring is here, Reserve tools!\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Free Film Screening of Organic Rising April 15th\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Last call for sponsors of the Native Plant Expo & Marketplace\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Rain barrels are sold out, but we still have totes!\*\*](#)

## Conservation Needs Assessment

We want to hear from you!

Every five years, we [survey](#) residents about their conservation concerns to guide our work.

**Your responses help us focus resources on the conservation issues that matter most to Washtenaw County residents.**



[Take the Survey](#)



## Volunteer with us!

Volunteers help set-up, sort plants, prepack orders, and distribute orders to customers.

[Learn more and sign up.](#)

P.S. [Native Plant Expo & Marketplace volunteer](#) slots will open **the first week of May!**

## Plant & Resource Sales Updates



## Spring Tree & Shrub Sale

If you pre-ordered, don't forget to pick up your trees!

If you still want plants, come to the **EXTRA SALES Saturday, April 25th from 10am-11am.**

## Native Plant Expo & Marketplace

**Save the date for June 6th 2026!**

**Early Bird tickets** are available now, and the cost goes up each month!

[See all Plant & Resource Sales info](#)

## Local Government Meetings: Your Voice Matters!

Attending meetings is the best way to stay informed and give input to representatives. Visit our [public meetings calendar](#) for events near you.

**The public is welcome at our [Monthly Board of Directors Meeting](#)**

## Community Updates: Local events, programs, and happenings.

### Refugee Garden Initiatives

April 12th 11am-2pm

Assist with building metal raised beds, install cow panel trellising, install ollas for irrigation, and rain barrel installation.

[Sign up to volunteer](#)

### Many Hands, Dexter

April 18th 9am-4pm

Volunteers needed. Grab your work gloves and join us as we put up 10,000 feet of deer fencing together.

[Learn more](#)

### ReLeaf Michigan, Milan Tree Planting

May 1st 8:45am-12:00pm

Volunteers needed. Make a difference in a few hours that can last decades by planting trees!

[Learn more and sign up!](#)



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