



Read the Latest News from the Conservation District:

- *Ready, Set, Plant!* Shopping is open for the [Fall Tree & Native Plant Sale](#), on Friday, September 25th, 2026. Our largest yet with plenty of discounts to go around! **Pre-order online now until September 13th.**
- Announcing the [Michigan First-Generation Farm Mentors program](#) - launching its first pilot cohort in **October 2026**. Before the mentorship program begins, we're hosting a [series of on-farm tours](#).
- WCCD implements the [Ottawa-Stony North Education and Demonstration project](#): stormwater

management, septic system care, and rain garden workshops will take place throughout the watershed.

- The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development awarded a **Regenerative Farmer Network Grant (RFNG)** to the newly formed, farmer-led **Washtenaw Agroecology Network**.
- Registration is now live for the rescheduled date for the **Washtenaw TOPP Farm Tour**. It'll take place at three farms **Tuesday, August 25th**.

Featured WCCD Events



**Sniffing Out
Invasive Species:**

**Spotted
Lanternfly**

The graphic features a brown and white speckled dog standing on a green field, looking towards a yellow spotlight that illuminates a Spotted Lanternfly. The background is a soft green wash. In the top right corner, there are four logos: Washtenaw County Conservation District, JLW Cisma, Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission, and Forest to MI Faucet.

Washtenaw County Conservation District

JLW Cisma

WASHTENAW COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

FOREST TO MI FAUCET

Educational event about the biology & ecology of the Spotted Lanternfly, an invasive species. There will be a presentation and field component. In the field, we'll see a live demonstration of using conservation dogs for Spotted Lanternfly detection and removal strategies for Tree of Heaven.



Free Workshop

Friday, August 21st

10:00AM - 2:00PM

Lyndon Township Hall
17751 N Territorial Rd
Chelsea, MI 48118

Scan to Register
or visit

washtenawcd.org/conservation-dogs



Register for Workshop

You're Invited!

Washtenaw  Field Day

Getting the Dirt On Soil Health Tests:

A Practical Approach to Improving
Nutrient Use Efficiency

Reputable Michigan and
Midwest-based Regenerative
Practitioners & Technical
Experts

In-field Demonstrations &
Simulation Stations

Peer Networking Space

MI Farm Link & Transition to
Organic Partnership Program
Farmer Meet and Greet

Informational Tables

Friday, August 28th 2026

Maulbetsch Farm
2271 E Northfield Church Rd
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

Register Online by August 21st
[washtenawcd.org/farmers/
washtenaw-field-day](https://washtenawcd.org/farmers/washtenaw-field-day)

Need Help? Call us at 734-302-8715

Free Event

Coffee, Pastries & Lunch Provided

Funded in part by the Michigan Department
of Agriculture and Rural Development



Register for Washtenaw Field Day

Upcoming WCCD Sales



2026 Fall Tree & Native Plant Sale

Our largest offering to date!
Find your favorite native plants
including bare-root conifers,
garden kits, wildflowers, and
potted trees & shrubs.

Shop the 2026 Fall Sale

2026 DISCOUNTS

["Planting Trees Cleans Water"](#) price drop on large potted trees & shrubs. No discount codes, the price is reduced!

[A2Zero Pollinator-Aware Yard Care](#) - Get 50% off, up to \$20, on pollinator plants.

[A2Zero 10K Trees Initiative](#) - Get 50% off, up to \$20 on native bare-root trees.

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A²ZERO Coupon Codes for Native Plants

Get 50% off, up to \$20

Use code A2ZERO10K26 for native conifers
Use code A2ZEROPAYC26 for native plants and garden kits

<https://store.washtenawcd.org/collections/fall-tree-native-plant-sale> Or scan: 

WCCD Program & Project Updates

Ottawa-Stony North Education & Demonstration Project

Washtenaw County Conservation District began work on its first implementation project based on recommendations in this recently approved Watershed Management Plan. Funded by a Nonpoint Source Implementation grant, we began the implementation of the Ottawa-Stony North Education and Demonstration project. With this funding, several projects will be going on within the watershed.



Questions? Contact Nick Machinski at Nick@washtenawcd.org or Alex Caccari at Alex@washtenawcd.org

[Read more about the OSN project](#)

Michigan First-Generation Farm Mentors Program

The Michigan First-Generation Farm Mentors program will launch its first pilot cohort in **October 2026**.

Through this program, **ten first-generation farmers** (those who did not grow up on or inherit a family farm) will be matched with experienced mentors for one-on-one guidance tailored to their farming goals.

Applications for this inaugural cohort will be accepted through **late September**.



Learn more about
program

Register for farm tours

Submit application

MCSFP

The Michigan Conservation Stewardship for Farmers Project is an incentive program to help farmers hedge the financial risk of trying new and innovative conservation and marketing practices.



Open enrollment has moved to waitlist status for Washtenaw County farmers.

We are still accepting applications for waitlisted spots. Waitlisted applications will be considered in the order they are received, as funds are re-allocated throughout the project, likely in late Fall 2026.

Spots are still open for enrollment in Wayne, Monroe, Lenawee and Hillsdale counties for this project.

Questions? Contact Alex Caccari at Alex@washtenawcd.org

Learn more about MCSFP

Upcoming WCCD Events



Mushroom 102

Wednesday, September 2nd 2026, 6:00pm-8:00pm

**Washington Street Education Center
500 Washington Street
Chelsea, MI 48118**

In this class go beyond the basics and dive deep into cloning mushrooms, taking spore prints, and creating your very own liquid cultures. This class will teach you how to sustainably cultivate mushrooms at home using professional techniques. Registration required through Jackson County Conservation District, the event cost is \$50.

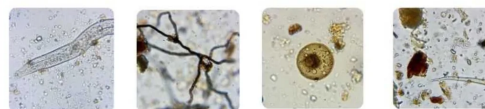
[Register Here](#)

Pott Farms. Living Soil Services

LIVING SOIL WORKSHOP

You will learn:

How the soil food web work.
Who the essential microbes are.
What they look like under a microscope.
How to cultivate living soil and the benefits of doing so.



Living Soils Workshop

Tuesday, September 8th 2026, 4:30 - 7:30pm

**MSU Extension Classroom (Floor 1)
705 N. Zeeb Rd. #201
Ann Arbor, MI 48103**

Join us to learn how living soil works is foundational to understanding regenerative farming. Practices like composting, mulching, reduced-tilling, and cover cropping are meant to protect the life in the soil. But what is the "life in this soil?"

[Register here](#)

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.

Ann Arbor Local Food Festival

Thursday, August 27, 2026

Beyond Honeybees: an Introduction to the Astonishing Diversity of Native Pollinators

Master Composter Class

Tuesdays, September 15 - October 13, 2026

The Local Food Festival brings together growers, producers, chefs, artisans, and food lovers from across Washtenaw County and beyond to celebrate the harvest and showcase Michigan food and farming. Features prepared food and drinks for purchase, produce sampling, games and activities, live music, and educational demonstrations.

Ann Arbor Farmers Market,
315 Detroit St., 5-8pm

[Lean more](#)

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026

In this presentation David Cappaert, a local entomologist, educator, and photographer, will introduce some of the common floral visitors that you can expect to see in your Ann Arbor garden. He will also report on what was learned in the 2026 citizen science study of pollinator ecology in Washtenaw County.

Matthaei Botanical
Gardens - Great Lakes
Garden, 6:30-7:30pm

[Lean more](#)

Learn everything there is to know about compost! Which you can then use to build your rain garden. Or make your veggies thrive. Offered by Project Grow Gardens in partnership with MSU Extension.

Ann Arbor Senior Center
and Leslie Science and
Nature Center, 6-8:30pm

[Lean more](#)



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