



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

**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 residents.**



[Take the Survey](#)

**Spring Tree & Shrub Sale**

Don't miss out on the WCCD's  
2026 Spring Tree & Shrub Sale!

## Tree & Shrub



Sale &  
Distribution



**The presale ends March 23rd, with pick-up scheduled for April 24-25.**

**Price drop on all [Fruit Trees!](#)**

Pre-order your bare-root seedlings of trees, shrubs, fruit trees, and more to support your conservation projects.

**Last chance for Spring Trees & Shrubs**

### Rain Barrel Sales

Ready to collect rainwater and conserve resources? Our Rain Barrel Sales are now open! It's a simple step toward eco-friendly living! The first pick-up date for 2026 will be on **Monday, March 23rd.**

*Rain barrels are limited supply, we will run out of some colors, shop early to get your full spring season of rainwater!*



**Shop Rain Barrels**



**Thursday April 16th, from 6-8 PM**

### Mushrooms 101

Did you miss our first Mushroom 101 workshop? We are offering the class again in partnership with Great Lakes Mushroom

Company.

This class will cover the basics of indoor mushroom cultivation, a talk about the benefits and properties of mushrooms, and interactive workshop. Tickets are required for this event, and space is limited.

[Read more and Register](#)

## **Applications Open - School & Community Habitat Grant**

We are accepting applications from schools and community groups looking to start a new project, or expand an existing project. The grant includes provision for native plant materials and/or technical assistance in design or planting of gardens.



[Take a look at the SCHG page to learn more](#)



## **Robbin Pott - Small or beginning farmer of the year**

On her regenerative hemp farm, Small/Beginning Farmer of the Year Awardee Robbin Pott is bringing back an industry nearly lost to American agriculture and providing young adults with meaningful opportunities in the process.

[Read more about Robbin Pott](#)

## **Position Opening: Administrative Assistant**

We're hiring a part-time Administrative Assistant to join our team!

They will primarily focus on managing accounts receivable, accounts payable, assisting with board meeting

preparation and facilitation,  
and providing customer service.

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[Read the full description](#)



**Don't miss the rare chance to RECYCLE your agricultural plastics!**

<-- Got stacks of old, pesky plastic pots and trays taking up space?

If you have **less than 30 pots or trays**, you can drop them off **anytime** between 9am and

noon at the Washtenaw Food Hub. If you have more than 30 pots or trays, you'll need to **select a timeslot** in the registration.

We are also collecting: bale cover, silage tarp, and pallet stretch wrap.

**\*Registration is required. Please visit the registration page to read our accepted materials guide carefully.\***

[Agricultural Plastics Recycling Registration](#)

## **Protecting Your Land & Preserving our Future**

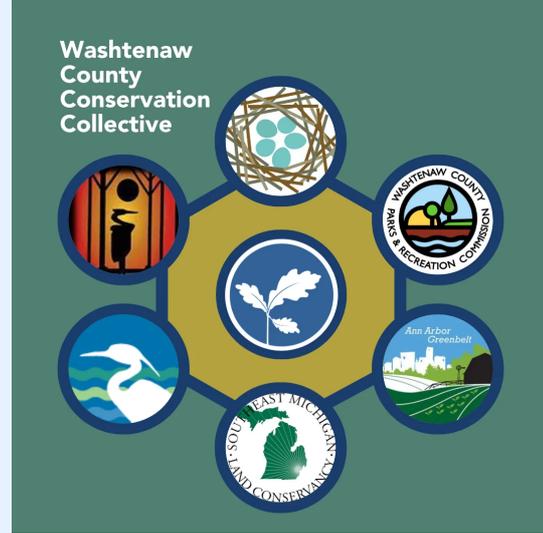
Explore options for land preservation and conservation at two upcoming educational events.

**Landowners are encouraged to attend to discuss**

individual properties with staff from local conservation organizations following the presentation.

[Augusta Township-Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 5:30 - 6:30pm](#)

[Southwest Washtenaw-Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6 - 7:30pm](#)



## Native Plant Expo & Marketplace

Save the date for the 2026 Native Plant Expo & Marketplace (NPEM)!

[The Spring Native Plant Presale is live until March 23rd, with pickup at the NPEM June 6th.](#)

Want to beat the crowds? A \$5 early bird ticket let's you shop

from 8-9am before the expo opens.

**Preorder plants and purchase Early Bird Tickets**

## Film Screening - Organic Rising

[Organic Rising](#) is coming to The Michigan Theater, April 15th. Mingle with area farmers starting at 5:30pm, film begins at 6pm.

A panel with the award winning Director, Anthony Suau, and local farming advocates to follow. This event is hosted by

[Real Organic Project](#) and [Transition to Organic Partnership Program](#).





## Volunteer with us!

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

It's a fun way to help get thousands of trees and shrubs out into our community!

[Learn more and sign up.](#)

## 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.

County Cleanup Day @  
Pittsfield Township

April 4th

Washtenaw County residents can recycle and dispose of many household items including electronics, household hazardous waste, bulky waste, appliances, and scrap tires.

[Register to drop off waste](#)

AADL Gardening &  
Farm Fest

April 19th 11am-4pm

Join Ann Arbor District Library for a daylong celebration of gardening, nature, and hands-on activities!

[Learn more](#)

Huron River  
Watershed Council  
River Givers Gathering

March 26th 4:00-7:00pm

Celebrate HRWC 2026 stewardship awardees, connect with fellow river enthusiasts, and learn about key initiatives.

[Learn more and sign up](#)



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