

MAY 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](#)**: enrollment is now open for farms of all scales and scopes!
- **[Welcome to new staff: Katy Beaven, Senior Farmer Programs Technician](#)**
- **[Ticks in Southeast Michigan](#)**
- **[Invasive Species Training Seminar: May 29th](#)**
- **[Agricultural Plastics Recycling Event Recap](#)**



I have worked five years at the Conservation District, first as the Community Forester and more recently as the Executive Director. It has been a privilege to serve our community and to support the WCCD staff who bring so many amazing programs to our farmers and residents. I'm looking forward to this next chapter in my life where I can focus on being a new mother and spend more time supporting my family. My last scheduled day is June 26, so find me at the Native Plant Expo and Marketplace on June 6th for an in-person goodbye. -Summer Roberts

Executive Director Job Opening

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 by June 15th!

Annual Meeting: June 6th at the [Native Plant Expo & Marketplace](#). Consisting of a keynote speaker, a review of the WCCD's accomplishments in

Board Elections



Washtenaw County
Conservation District

2025, and the Board of Director Elections.

- **In-person voting** will occur from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- **Absentee ballots** are available at the [WCCD Office](#).

Candidates seeking election to the Board of Directors are Shannon Brines and Jill Dohner, both of whom reside in Webster Township. **For more**

information on candidates or how to vote, please visit:

<https://washtenawcd.org/about/board-directors>

Michigan's Largest Native Plant Sale!

Featuring...

- 20 Native Plant Vendors
- Community Tables
- Kids' Nature Activities
- Board Elections
- Food & Entertainment

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**Saturday
June 6th, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM***

Free & Public Event

Native Plant Expo & Marketplace

**Washtenaw Farm Council
Grounds
5055 Ann Arbor-Saline Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103**

* Early bird hour:
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
with ticket

Join us at the Native Plant Expo & Marketplace June 6th, 2026

A special thank you to our sponsors:

Michigan Transition to Organic Partnership Program, City of Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations, Huron River Watershed Council, Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum, The Davey Tree Expert Company, Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner's Office, Middle Huron Partners, Michigan Lakes and Streams Association, Bloom General Contracting, Plantwise LLC, Michiganense Natives, Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy, and Washtenaw Parks & Recreation Commission.



Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are essential to the Expo, It's a great way to contribute to conservation and learn more about native plants. [Learn more!](#)



Early Bird Tickets

Beat the crowds and shop from 8-9am with an [Early Bird Ticket](#). Don't wait! Prices go up on Monday, May 11th.

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.

Huron River Day

May 16, 12pm-4pm

Free, family-friendly event is a celebrating the Huron River and all the conservation efforts made by partnering organizations and the community!

[Learn more](#)

Washtenaw Food Hub Spring Fling

May 17, 10am-4pm

Celebrate spring with community, agriculture education, and local flavor. We'll be there promoting our new Tool Hub location. [Learn More](#)

River Raisin Native Plant Sale

May 29th, 2pm-7:30pm

Native plant vendors, conservation and community tables, kids nature activities, and more!

[Learn More](#)



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