

SEPTEMBER 2026 CONSERVATION UPDATE

Your Source for Conservation News in Washtenaw County

Photo by Nicholas Machinski - WCCD Staff

Stream in the headwaters of Mill Creek and some wet prairie.

Read the Latest News from the Conservation District:

- Rent our [Tree Seedling Transplanter](#)! Take advantage of cooler weather and [discounts on conifer transplants](#).
- Leaking septic systems are causing harm downstream- learn more about what is being done. Next week is [SepticSmart awareness week](#).
- The Washtenaw Field Day was well attended, [read the full report here](#).
- Farmers, want to give input on the work we do at the WCCD? [Join our Farmer Committee!](#)



Welcome to our new Executive Director!

Joy Casnovsky joined the organization as the new Executive Director on August 24, 2026.

Joy brings more than 20 years of public sector experience to the WCCD, including service as a national park ranger, nonprofit leader, and city council member.

[Read Joy Casnovsky's full Bio](#)

Volunteer at the upcoming Fall Tree & Native Plant Sale!

We need your help!

Set-up, sort plants, and pack and distribute orders to customers. It's a fun way to learn about plants and help our community. **Love volunteering with us?** [Consider adding your name to our volunteer committee interest form.](#)

Sign up to volunteer!



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2026 Fall Tree & Native Plant Sale

[Last call for discounted Conifer seedlings!](#)

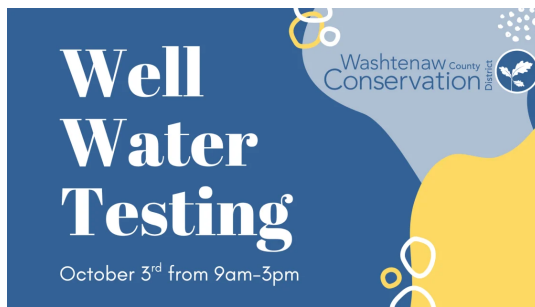
Discount: [A2Zero 10K Trees Initiative](#) - **Get 50% off, up to \$20 on native bare-root**

Restock of trees & shrubs in 1 gallon pots!

We were able to source a limited quantity of: Black Oak, Fragrant Sumac, American Hazelnut, American Persimmon, Bitternut Hickory, Gray Dogwood, New Jersey Tea, and Sand Cherry.

Shop the 2026 Fall Sale by Sunday 9/13!

Upcoming WCCD Events



Well Water Testing with EMU

The WCCD and students from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) will be testing well water samples on **Saturday, October 3, from 9am to 3pm** at Room 2304, 705 N. Zeeb Rd. Some of the tests that will be run include nitrate/nitrite, pH, turbidity and more. This event is for those who are interested in getting their private wells tested (city's regularly test their drinking water). Free, no event registration required. [View the details here.](#)



Washtenaw Conserved Farm Tour

Join the Washtenaw County Conservation Collective on Saturday, October 10, to tour two neighboring, sixth-generation farms in Sylvan and Sharon Townships. Explore poultry and crop operations, hike through ecosystems like prairie fens and tamarack swamps, and learn how land protection preserves local agricultural heritage and wildlife habitats. [Registration is required to attend!](#)

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.

Thursday, September 17,
2026

Come hungry for great
food, good music, and even
better company!

*Proceeds support the
Huron River Watershed
Council's work to protect
the river we love.*

Robin Hills Farm, Chelsea,
6-9pm

[Learn more](#)

Freeman
Environmental
Education Center

Monday, September 28th,
2026

Students, families, and
community naturalists are
invited to join for an
afternoon of nature
observation, appreciation,
and documentation!

Freeman Environmental
Education Center, 1-4pm

[Learn more](#)

Restoration Ecology
Network

Saturday, October 3rd,
2026

Learn the fundamentals of
identifying and managing
woody invasive shrubs
through this hands-on
ecological stewardship
training.

Independence Lake County
Park, 9am - 12pm

[Learn more](#)



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