



JULY 2026 CONSERVATION UPDATE
Your Source for Conservation News in Washtenaw County

Read the Latest News from the Conservation District:

The 2026 [**Native Plant Expo & Marketplace**](#) was the biggest yet with over 3,000 attendees and 14,000 plants sold!

- [**Read the full report of the 2026 Native Plant Expo & Marketplace.**](#)
- July 17th is [**Michigan Conservation District Day!**](#)
- *Save the date for the upcoming* [**Fall Tree & Native Plant Sale**](#) September 25th, 2026. **Pre-ordering will open August 3rd.**



Field Day: “Getting the dirt on soil health tests: A practical approach to improving nutrient use efficiency”

We are hosting an expanded field day focused on **regenerative row crop farming** featuring:

- Reputable, Michigan and midwest-based regenerative practitioners and technical experts
- In-field demonstrations and simulation stations
- Peer networking space
- Informational tables
- Free pastries, coffee, and lunch

Farmers, please join us August 28th!

[Register Here](#)

Open Office Hours

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.

On July 14th from 1-5pm, join staff at the WCCD office, 705 N Zeeb Road to ask questions about the program.

Bring your laptop and get individualized application assistance! Questions? Contact alex.cacciari@macd.org



[Learn more about MCSFP](#)

Upcoming WCCD Events



Volunteer Potluck

**Saturday, July 11, 2026
from 11:30am-1:30pm.**

[Loonfeather Park, 1320 Grove Rd, Ypsilanti, MI 48198.](#)

Bring a dish to pass, meet fellow conservationists. When you enter the park, let the parking attendant know you are part of the potluck, and we'll pay for your entrance fee. After lunch we'll tour the rain garden.



Living Soils Workshop

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

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.

Seeds to Community
uppotting for the
Riverside Wet Meadow
July 16th 6:30-8:30pm

Help transfer hundreds of small seedlings into larger pots for the wet meadow in Ypsilanti.

River Raisin Bug ID
Day

July 18th 10am-2pm

Assist with educational activities and help visitors discover the fascinating world of insects and aquatic life.

[Learn more](#)

Southeast Michigan
Land Conservancy Full
Moon Campfire

July 25, 8-11pm

All are welcome to come out to LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve after hours and join SMLC friends for a relaxing,

[Learn more](#)

family-friendly event.
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