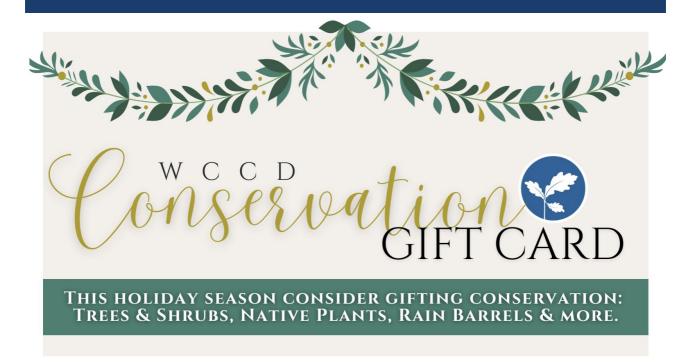


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Your Source for Conservation News in Washtenaw County



Holiday Conservation Gift Card

This holiday season consider gifting conservation: Trees & Shrubs, Native Plants, Rain Barrels & more. These gifts keep giving back by providing a healthier environment for our human and natural communities! The WCCD Conservation Gift Card can be used on our online store for any of our annual plant and rain barrel sales. The Gift Card is sent in an email with a unique code used at checkout on the WCCD online store.

Mark your calendar!

Spring Tree & Shrub, Native Plant, & Rain Barrel Sales open:

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023

Purchase Gift Card Today!

Donate

Take our feedback survey! Conservation

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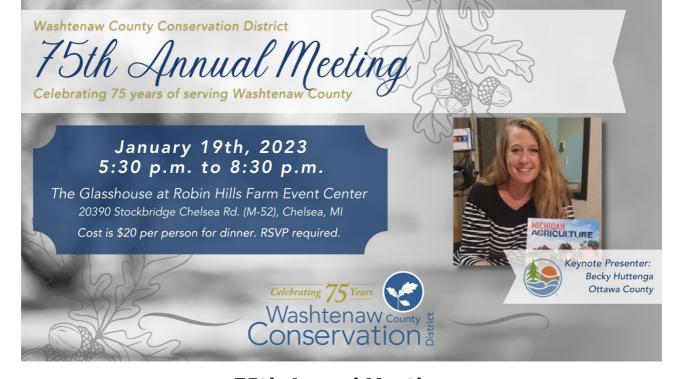
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As the WCCD staff plans for the future, we want to hear from you about how we can best support Washtenaw County residents and enhance our services, programs, and events! By taking the survey, you help us determine what programs to expand, create, and plan for in the future. Your ideas, passions, concerns, and active engagement are what make Washtenaw such a wonderful place to live. Our goal at WCCD is to help residents manage our natural resources so we all, humans and wildlife alike, can enjoy and benefit from the ecosystem services our environment provides for years to come. Click the button below to take the survey!

Take Survey!

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75th Annual Meeting Celebrating 75 years of serving Washtenaw County

Join us in celebrating 75 years of conservation work in Washtenaw County at the Robin Hills Events Center in Chelsea. The evening will feature a keynote presentation by Becky Huttenga of Ottawa County on farmland preservation in Michigan. The meeting will also include: a presentation reviewing WCCD's history and highlighting key leaders and accomplishments, a Distinguished Service Award and Volunteer of the Year Award, and a snapshot of key priorities for the WCCD through 2026.

Keynote presentation: "Farmland Protection, Land linking, and the Future of Ag in MI"

Dinner will be provided by Wesley Catering. Tickets \$20 each, RSVP required. Tickets may be purchased by clicking the button below!

Purchase a Ticket

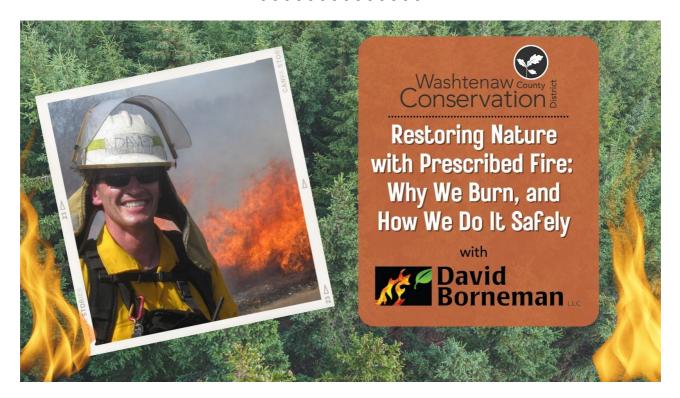
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Funding Available for Farmers

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) funds solutions to address resource concerns on agricultural land. The financial assistance goes towards installing a variety of conservation practices such as: cover crops, filter strips, residue management and more. Farmers in the Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB) are being prioritized and are encouraged to apply.

Learn More and Apply!



Restoring Nature with Prescribed Fire: Why We Burn, and How We Do It Safely Webinar with David Borneman

January 26th, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For thousands of years, intentional burning of the landscape has been a part of what is now southern Michigan. Dave will discuss the Native American history of fire here, and why burning can be a valuable tool for those interested in restoring native Michigan landscapes. Dave recently retired after 28 years as the Natural Area Preservation Manager for the City of Ann Arbor Parks. Now he can devote more time to his private business, David Borneman, LLC, conducting prescribed burns and doing ecological consulting with a wide range of clients across the Midwest. When he is not burning, Dave is likely either tending to the family cabin in northeast Michigan, or traveling with his wife.

Register for the webinar by clicking the button below!

Register for Webinar!

by Nick Machinski, Conservation Technician

The Ottawa-Stony North Watershed Management Project: Part 1

So why is this watershed so important? The Ottawa-Stony is a large watershed that is part of the larger Western Lake Erie Basin (WLEB), a watershed which has been the focus of environmental efforts for years in order to reduce nutrient loading into Lake Erie. While the Raisin River and the Huron River (technically not part of the WLEB but empties into the Detroit River and



then into Lake Erie) have watershed management plans to help focus projects and best management practices, Ottawa-Stony has never had one.

Continue Reading!

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Coffee & Conservation: A Menu of Programs H&H Harvest, 9880 Austin Rd. Saline, MI 48176

January 13th, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Come join your neighbors as we, the Washtenaw County Conservation District, present a menu of different programs in which farmers may choose to participate. From tile monitoring to funding for equipment purchases, there will be something for everyone to chew over. Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP by clicking the button below!

RSVP Here

Join the WCCD team:

We are hiring for 3 positions!

Conservation Technician Position
The Conservation Technician
specializes in direct technical and
administrative assistance to farmers
primarily on USDA Natural Resource
Conservation Service (NRCS) Farm
Bill Programs.



MIFarmLink Coordinator Position

The MIFarmLink Coordinator is responsible for spearheading the development, launch and management of the new Washtenaw MIFarmLink program.

<u>2023 Native Plant Expo & Marketplace - Coordinator</u> (Temporary, part-time) Assists in coordination of the <u>Native Plant Expo & Marketplace</u>.

Learn about the open positions

Upcoming Events

Tractor Tire Drive

REMINDER FOR

THOSE WHO RSVP'd:

December 10th,

9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Freedom Twp Hall, 13293 E Michigan Ave, Clinton, MI

Partnering with
Washtneaw County
Soild Waste & Farm
Bureau, WCCD is happy
to accept tractor tire
collections for the 2nd
year!

Registration was required, but is now closed.

Questions? Please call Nick Machinski, Conservation Technician, at 734.302.8715 Spring Sales Online Store Opening!

Tuesday, January 3rd

Mark your calendar so you don't miss out! The online store will open to preorder you trees, shrubs, native plants, and rain barrels!

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Local Government Updates

- <u>City of Ypsilanti Sustainability Commission</u> will be meeting on **Monday, December 12th at 7 p.m.** at City Hall, 1 S Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI
- Sharon Township Planning Commission will be meeting on Tuesday,
 December 13th at 7 p.m. at the Sharon Township Hall, 18010 Pleasant Lake Road, Manchester, MI 48158
- Salem Township Land Preservation & Conservation Board will be meeting on Tuesday, December 20th at 7 p.m. at the Salem Township Hall, 9600 Six Mile Road, Salem, MI 4817

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