

2022 Director Elections

Conservation District Directors A five-member board of directors governs the Washtenaw County Conservation District. Members are elected by residents of the District at its annual meeting. Directors serve four-year terms, are non-salaried, and receive a meeting allowance and reimbursement for mileage and actual expenses only.

The Board is responsible for the development and implementation of all District programs, financial management, organizational oversight and directs long-term strategic planning. The Board meets monthly to hear reports from staff, plan programs and activities, approve bills and financial plans.

Voter Registration All residents of the Washtenaw County Conservation District (Washtenaw County) who are of legal age and have demonstrated residency by one (1) piece of identification may vote by casting 1 ballot at the annual meeting.

Residents may also vote by requesting an absentee ballot by mail, or filling out a ballot at the WCCD office starting Monday, December 6th, 2021.

HANNAH WEBER is a co-founder of the Green Things Farm Collective, a small-scale community farm with a deep commitment to organic no-till and other conservation practices, located on conserved land in Ann Arbor Township. With an upbringing deeply tied to the woods and farms of Northern Michigan, and a background in photography and writing, Hannah found her way to a career in small-scale farming through her love of food and art making. She cut her teeth by way of intensive training in organic farm management through Michigan State's Student Organic Farm, and after running The Land Loom as a sole proprietor for five years, joined forces with Green Things Farm and Ann Arbor Seed Co. Hannah currently serves on ALPAC and is excited to be serving as an Associate Director of the WCCD in order to share her perspective as a first generation farmer and to have a greater impact on land and natural resource conservation in Washtenaw County.



northern Washtenaw, 75 of which are preserved with a conservation easement. With ever expanding interests in biodiversity, agroecology, and perennials, Brines Farm has planted tens of thousands of trees and perennial plants while practicing regenerative and restorative agriculture techniques. Off-farm Shannon is an applied geographer at the University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability, and has been active with many non-profit and governmental land preservation, agriculture, and food systems efforts.

MATTHEW NOLAN has been grateful to join the WCCD as a Director and Treasurer at such an exciting time of growth and opportunity. The county put its trust in the District by passing the 2020 millage which has allowed the District to more actively conserve soil, water, and habitat in a wide array of new initiatives. Matt aspires to use his degree in Conservation Biology and career as a science teacher to lend perspective on how these initiatives can reach the increasingly diverse people and environmental needs of the county. As a WCCD 2019 Tree Conservationist of the Year award recipient and passionate gardener he also hopes to help continue getting his hands dirty getting plants in the ground so that we can improve the land for generations to come.



SHANNON BRINES The first trees Shannon ever planted when he was a child were purchased through the conservation district's tree sale. Shannon is passionate about all facets of the conservation district's history, mission, structure, events, and programming. First elected in January 2020, he wishes to continue to help improve, diversify, and expand those efforts. Shannon also wishes to continue to help increase and broaden access to the conservation district for everyone in our Washtenaw community. Shannon established Brines Farm in 2004, initially offering year-round produce. USDA organic certification and State of Michigan tree and shrub nursery grower license were added since. In 2012, Shannon and family were able to expand their operation onto 90 total acres they steward in



HOWARD SIAS is a lifelong resident of Lima township. He has been a crop farmer and grown corn, soybeans, wheat, rye, hay and also managed livestock. Howard's family farm has been in the family for over 100 years. Howard serves on many local boards and committees including: 9 years on the Washtenaw Farm Service Agency County Committee, 21 years on the Lima Township Planning Commission and has been on the board of directors for the Washtenaw Conservation District for almost 20 years.

