



CHIPPEWA/LUCE/MACKINAC CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Calling all landowners and Forest Resource Professionals!

The Conservation District recently received a broad based forestry outreach grant to target private landowners within its boundaries. The purpose of the grant is to help its citizens better understand, plan, manage, protect and utilize their forest resources. We are currently updating our referral list of those providing services to private forest owners in Chippewa, Luce and Mackinac Counties. Once updated, we will be able to help private landowners seeking assistance with the management of their land by connecting them with Resource Professionals. If you have a piece of land, large or small, that may benefit from a bit of management, whether you are interested in wildlife habitat improvement, planting trees or harvesting mature ones, or just need advice on what to do, stop by the office or call today to learn more about the program and how we can help you make the most out of your unmanaged land! If you are a resource professional or expert, forester, logger, tree planter, conservation plan writer, or provide a valuable service to help private land owners manage their land, contact us to get added to our referral list today! Contact Kristina Denison at (906) 635-1278 or e-mail cemcd@lighthouse.net *Check our website or Facebook page or e-mail the address above for more information!*



Invasive Plant Species on the Loose!



The introduction of non-native or invasive species is having dramatic effects on our native ecosystems. These species rapidly reproduce, mature quickly, and out-compete native plants impacting our natural plant communities, wildlife habitats and recreational areas, as well as our local economies. Join the Eastern Upper Peninsula Cooperative Weed Management Area (EUP CWMA) in identifying and locating invasive species in your own back yard! With your help we can identify, map, and eradicate invasive species throughout the Eastern UP. If you think you may have invasive species on your property please contact the Conservation District today, and help us stop the spread! Visit chipmackconservation.org or find us on Facebook for updates and information on upcoming workshops to learn how to identify invasive species in your area!

Get Involved-VOLUNTEER!

The District is always looking for volunteers to help out on a variety of different projects from planting trees to pulling invasive species to help around the office. If you have some free time or need a resume boost we can help! Young, old, students, teachers, clubs, professionals, all are welcome! Regardless of whether you have an hour, a week, or a month to spare we would be happy to have your help! No time but still want to help? DONATE! When you make a donation to the Conservation District you are supporting Environmental Education, tree plantings, conservation practices, invasive species control, public outreach and water quality control, just to name a few! Each year we work with over 500 students in conservation education, collaborate with private, state and federal partners to provide services to local landowners and community members, eradicate invasive species and create awareness about conservation. None of this is possible without your greatly appreciated support! Call (906) 635-1278 or e-mail cemcd@lighthouse.net to donate or find a volunteer opportunity that is just right for you!

Position Available!

We are currently seeking interested applicants to serve as a Cooperative Resource Management Forester in the area of private lands forestry. Applicant must possess a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry and enjoy working with the public. Experience in forest plan writing, grant writing, and USDA Farm Bill programs preferred. For details visit chipmackconservation.org or call 906-635-1278

Send resume, cover letter, and writing sample to CLMCD, 2847 Ashmun St, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 or email to cemcd@lighthouse.net for consideration. Applications must be received by 4:00 pm EST on Friday August 24th.

CLMCD is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Program Provider.

MAEAP Moments by Michelle Jarvie

I can't believe its July already. Where has the time gone? A lot of my time in the four months I've been here was spent training and learning the ins and outs of being a MAEAP Technician. I've been to Remus, Marquette, Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Gaylord, and I've learned a wide array of skills from well construction and closure to wind and water erosion calculation. Finally, by the middle of May, I was able to conduct my first Farm-Asyst. Summer is a busy time for farmers, but I'm hoping to get several more farm visits scheduled for the next few months. Interested in the MAEAP program? Please all or stop by the office to set up a farm visit.

In between travels and meetings I got to do a few fun, educational outings with students. At sixth grade camp I taught students about watersheds and the importance of protecting surface and ground water. Also in May, I spent two days planting leftover tree sale trees with local school groups. Ninth and tenth graders from the Maplewood Baptist Academy helped plant over 200 jack pine and red pine seedlings on properties in the Kinross area. The middle school shop class from Rudyard also planted about 200 hardwood and shrub species at the Rudyard School Farm. These students utilize wood harvested from that property in their class, and now got the opportunity to replant the area for future use. I also helped with the Michigan Envirothon State competition held at LSSU. It was great to get outdoors with all of these kids and help them appreciate and protect the world around them.

To learn more about the MAEAP Program stop by the office or call Michelle at 906-632-9611 x101.



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Formation of the Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District in the Upper Peninsula

Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan - The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) announced the formation of the Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District. Residents in these three counties can now receive services at the district's office located at 2947 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783.

"The consolidation of these two districts into one reflects the local leaderships ability to work together to provide services the residents of these three counties," said MDARD Director Jamie Clover Adams. "Regionalizing the office will allow the district to more effectively deliver the broad range of conservation services to residents."

The district offers services to local residents in many areas such as the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP), forestry assistance, federal farm bill and Conservation Technical Assurance Initiative.

"We will continue to offer the same conservation services to the residents of Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac counties," said Kristina Denison, Executive Director of the Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District.

On May 29, 2012, a public hearing was held to discuss, hear public comment, and approve the formation of the Chippewa/Luce/Mackinac Conservation District. The new district reflects a consolidation of the Luce/West Mackinac and Chippewa/East Mackinac Conservation Districts effective in July 2012.

There are 78 conservation districts located throughout Michigan. Michigan's conservation districts are the local providers of natural resource management services that help our citizens conserve their lands and our environment for a cleaner, healthier, economically stronger Michigan. As local, special purpose units of government, each Conservation District is governed by a locally elected, five-member board of directors. For more information about conservation districts visit www.macd.org.

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NRCS Cost Share: Getting Started, by Kent Dankenbring

One thing the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is known for throughout the US is the cost share programs available to landowners. These programs amount to a fixed reimbursement given to landowners who enter into contracts for items such as tree plantings, wind breaks, forest management plans, fencing, and pipelines. Most people are unsure how to get into these programs. One of the simplest ways to get on the path to an NRCS program is to have a conservation plan written. These are free to any landowner who may wonder "What can I do on this property?" NRCS will come out and do an assessment of your property and will guide you, the landowner, through a plan that you may want to implement for achieving your goals on the property. If you feel you could benefit from technical guidance, or just would like us to walk your property with you, please give us a call! Contact Kent Dankenbring, District Conservationist: Sault Ste Marie Field Office: [906-632-9611](tel:906-632-9611) ext 110 Work Cell: [906-360-0159](tel:906-360-0159).



The District is currently looking for a vehicle donation. If you have a vehicle you would be willing to donate please contact Kristina Denison at (906) 635-1278 or e-mail cemcd@lighthouse.net.

FALL 2012 TREE SALE ORDER FORM

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	E-mail:	
Signature:		Date:

Quantity	Species	Cost

<i>For Office Use Only</i> Date Received: _____ Payment: Cash Check Check #: _____	Pick Up Location (Check one): _____ Sault Ste. Marie _____ Newberry	Subtotal	
		Sales Tax	
		Donation	
		Total	

All products are subject to 6% Michigan Sales Tax. The Conservation District cannot guarantee survival of plant stock. It is unlawful for trees, shrubs and other plants to be resold with the roots attached (per PA 189 of 1931, as amended)

All orders must be paid in full are due October 12th, 2012
 Sault Pick-up (District Office, 2847 Ashmun) Thurs, Oct. 25th 8:00-6:00
 Newberry Pick-up (McMillan Township Hall) Friday, Oct. 26th 10:00-6:00
 Call 906.635.1278 with any questions

Show your support for the District by including a donation on your order!

Fall Tree Planting

Fall tree planting is a great opportunity to take advantage of spring melt with our Easy-to-plant Plugs! Plug stock is seeded in trays; when extracted, the soil is left on the roots protecting the tree during handling and planting resulting in a higher survival rate than bare root stock. Order early to guarantee your trees!

Other species may be available for special order in large quantities. Make inquires to Kristina at (906) 635-1278 or cemcd@lighthouse.net.

Large Conifer Transplants Available. Contact Bill Raynard at 906-647-9881 or 906-440-2052 for details.

Coniferous Plugs	Size	\$/10	\$/20	\$/50	\$/100	\$/500
Pine, Red	6-12"	\$8	\$15	\$30	\$50	\$200
Pine, White	6-12"	\$8	\$15	\$30	\$50	\$200
Spruce, Norway	8-14"	\$8	\$15	\$30	\$50	\$200
Spruce, White	6-12"	\$8	\$15	\$30	\$50	\$200
Tamarack	6-12"	\$8	\$15	\$30	\$50	\$200
Deciduous Plugs	Size	\$/10	\$/20	\$/50	\$/100	\$/500
Birch, White	6-12"	\$13	\$25	\$50	\$83	\$333
Oak, Bur	8-14"	\$28	\$53	\$107	\$178	\$711
Oak, Northern Red	8-14"	\$28	\$53	\$107	\$178	\$711
Red Osier Dogwood	28	\$35	\$67	\$133	\$222	\$890

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HABITAT DAY 2012

with Jeff Sturgis

August 18th at 10:00 a.m.

Join Jeff Sturgis from Whitetail Habitat Solutions Inc. for a FREE workshop to learn about habitat management, food plots, harvesting mature deer, stand placement, predator trapping, timber management, tree plantings, food plot design/types, bedding areas and much more!

Location: Serfass Property, 8399 M-135, Cedarville, MI 49719. Questions contact mackinacqdma@gmail.com (906) 322-5425 or Rich and Karen Serfass (906) 635-5439. Lunch included, no registration required.



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Fall Tree Sale Information Inside!

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"Our Mission is to assist with land use and management through education, community projects and services."



Wetlands Engineering, by Erin Satchell

Summertime is construction season for engineered conservation practices and this summer is going to be busy. Work under the NRCS' wetlands reserve program will soon be underway at many sites across the district. The purpose of the program is to cooperate with landowners to restore areas that were formerly wetlands. These restored areas provide many benefits. Because they stay wet for longer periods of the year, they help keep our streams flowing during dry periods. When rainfall or snowmelt is plentiful, they store runoff water and so reduce flood levels in our rivers. Wetlands filter and purify the water that passes through them and provide essential habitat for a multitude of plants and animals that rely on their special characteristics. Maybe you will see us surveying, moving earth, or planting trees and grasses this summer. Interested in learning more about the program? I would be happy to tell you about the conservation engineering work we do. Call Erin at 906-632-9611 x112.