

Resourceful Waves

Annual Meeting to take place April 25th, 2013

We are proud to invite you to our 21st annual meeting that is going to take place on April, 25th 2013 at Krysiak's restaurant in Bay City, MI.

As current legal members of the organization your participation will be greatly appreciated as we discuss the future of our organization.

Please take time to review this newsletter for information about the most recent activity of your organization.

9:30 a.m. Welcoming old and new friends with juice, coffee, water and rolls

10:00 Meeting welcome
*Historical review of the organization

*Recent history

*Current updates

*Organizational future

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 Adjourn



Our recent promotion of the America's Great Outdoors Initiative at the 2013 Gladwin Farm show.

Special points of interest:

- www.saginawbayrccd.org
- 21st Annual Meeting scheduled for April 25th 2013
- **Executive board:**
 - Chairman- Dick Dell
 - Vice Chair- Dan Provost
 - Secretary/Treasurer-Ricky R. Rockwell
- **Staff:**
 - Administrator- Tiffany Foco
 - Managing Consultant- Jim Hergott
- Join us on Facebook, Search "Saginaw Bay RCD" and "Saginaw Bay America's Great Outdoors Initiative"

We have a new member to our team...

Saginaw Bay RC&D would like to welcome Tiffany Foco as our new Secretary/Administrator. Tiffany graduated in 2006 from Standish-Sterling High School. She attended Kirtland Community College to study Surgical Tech, but then realized it was not where her heart was. Tiffany enjoys outdoor

recreation and loves to hunt and fish (especially ice fishing) too much to be stuck inside of a hospital working for the rest of her life. She is continuing college but with a different outlook on what she wants to study. She hopes that by working with the RC&D she will broaden her horizons and learn a lot about all the RC&D has to

offer. We are very excited to have her and overjoyed to show her everything that we do.



President Obama launched the America's Great Outdoors (AGO) Initiative to develop a 21st Century conservation and recreation agenda. AGO takes as its premise that lasting conservation solutions should rise from the American people – that the protection of our natural heritage is a non-partisan objective shared by all Americans. AGO recognizes that many of

the best ideas come from outside of Washington. Instead of dictating policies, this initiative turns to communities for local, grassroots conservation initiatives. Instead of growing bureaucracy, it calls for reworking inefficient policies and making the Federal Government a better partner with states, tribes, and local communities.

For more information visit the link below...

www.americasgreatoutdoors.gov



“Saginaw Bay RCD” and our newest page promoting the America's Great Outdoors Initiative “Saginaw Bay America's Great Outdoors Initiative”

Saginaw Bay RC&D receives funding to promote AGO

Saginaw Bay Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. received funding from USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service in the Fall of 2011 to promote AGO by completing the following...

Social Media

8 Quarterly Newsletters
24 monthly electronic updates
Linkage through Facebook website

Outreach

10 traditional events
10 nontraditional events

Database

Develop a searchable database of projects and populate with completed projects focusing on conservation and recreation.

Progress to date

Social Media

Website published, Facebook established and being used to promote and share information.

Outreach

10+ Outreach events attended.

Database

The database is currently accessible at www.saginawbayrkd.org

America's Great Outdoors 2013 Sign-Up

The Natural Resources Conservation Service has conservation financial assistance available for landowners in the Saginaw Bay Watershed available through the Presidential Initiative - America's Great Outdoors. The Saginaw Bay Watershed contains all or portions of 22 Michigan counties. Rural landowners, agricultural producers and non-industrial private forestland owners in the

Saginaw Bay Watershed can apply for the conservation financial assistance at their local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office. A 2013 sign-up for conservation financial assistance is planned for early 2013. Financial assistance is available to agricultural producers to implement conservation practices that reduce soil erosion and help reduce the amount of sediment and nutrients reaching

surface water including the Great Lakes and Saginaw Bay. Examples of practices eligible for financial assistance include cover crops, buffer strips, agricultural handling facilities, windbreaks and grassed waterways.



USDA Announces Initiative to Reduce Greenhouse Gases

EAST LANSING, March 14, 2013 – Farmers in 21 Michigan counties are eligible for financial assistance to help reduce greenhouse gases by planting cover crops and implementing new nutrient management practices. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has \$450,000 in conservation funding available for the greenhouse gas initiative in Michigan. Farmers in eligible counties can apply for the financial assistance that will pay a portion of the cost for planting cover crops and adopting nutrient management practices. Farmers must submit an application at their local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office by April 15 to be

considered for funding. Counties eligible for USDA Greenhouse Gas Initiative funding include Barry, Bay, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lenawee, Montcalm, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, Tuscola and Van Buren. Successful applicants will receive a defined payment after the conservation practice is implemented.

For more information about USDA Greenhouse Gas conservation assistance is available at local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service offices or online at

www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov.

A list of NRCS offices in Michigan is posted online at

www.mi.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/Field%20Offices.html.

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service helps America's farmers and ranchers conserve the Nation's soil, water, air and other natural resources. All programs are voluntary and offer science-based solutions that benefit both the landowner and the environment.

USDA Conservation Sign-Up Begins for Thumb Area

EAST LANSING – March 14, 2013 – Three areas in Michigan are eligible for \$595,000 in U.S. Department of Agriculture conservation financial assistance to address local natural resource concerns. The financial assistance is available to eligible landowners who submit a completed application at their local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office by April 15, 2013. The USDA's Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative provides conservation assistance through cooperative

agreements with the Nature Conservancy, the Conservation Resource Alliance and the Huron Conservation District. The \$595,000 in financial assistance is available to rural landowners, agricultural producers and American Indian tribes in areas designated by the organizations. The Huron Conservation District project area includes the Pinnebog River and Pigeon River watersheds, primarily in Huron County with small portions in Sanilac and Tuscola counties. The Cooperative Conservation

Partnership Initiative organizations will select conservation practices designed to protect water, soil, air and wildlife resources for financial assistance. Selected applicants will receive a fixed payment for implementing contracted practices after they are completed. For more information about USDA Greenhouse Gas conservation assistance is available at local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service offices or online at

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A Big Success for Houghton Creek

Rose City Park in Rose City was a bustling scene on Saturday, August 18th as more than 30 volunteers, local residents and city officials came together to reduce erosion on Houghton Creek and protect the viewing platforms at this popular park. The City of Rose City was an instrumental partner in making this dynamic project a success. In addition, a big thank you is due to Malcolm Tree Farm of Sterling for donating trees for the project and Green

Contracting of Rose City for donating services to install limestone steps on Houghton Creek in the park. This important tributary to the Rifle River has been experiencing significant stream bank erosion at the park, threatening aquatic habitat and the integrity of park structures. Through this volunteer restoration effort, nearly 500 feet of stream bank have been restored through the use of native plantings, biologs, tree revetments, rock riprap,

grass pavers and improved low-impact public access, keeping 7.8 tons of sediment out of Houghton Creek each year.

A special thanks goes out to Huron Pines for providing this information and these wonderful photos which depict conservation and recreation by local people fulfilling the America's Great Outdoors promise of recreation through conservation.

www.huronpines.org

Above Right: Volunteers installed nearly 250 feet of tree revetment, 20 tons of rock riprap, 80 feet of biologs and dozens of native plants to prevent erosion and improve aquatic habitat on Houghton Creek.



Below Right: Four sets of limestone steps create low-impact public access to Houghton Creek for fishing and swimming.

