

Resourceful Waves

Summer Full Council Meeting...

We have our Summer Full Council meeting scheduled for August 22nd, 2013. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. It will be held at The Thumb Octagon Barn located at 6948 Richie Road. Gagetown, MI 48735. The cost to attend will be \$10 (this will include lunch and a tour of the premises.) We hope to see all of you there! Push and hold CTRL on your keyboard and click the following link for directions to The Thumb Octagon Barn...

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Upcoming events...

- Summer Full Council Meeting is scheduled for 08/22/2013 – 10 a.m. @ The Thumb Octagon Barn. Located at 6948 Richie Road. Gagetown, MI 48735
- Executive Board Meetings: June 24th, July 30th, August 27th, September 24th, October 29th...
- MAC 2013 Annual Conference will be held Sept. 15-17 @ the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth, MI
- MACD Summer Conference- June 25/26th Located at Treetops Resort. For more info click the link below...
(<http://macd.org/summer-conference-2013-schedule>)

Cass River Watershed Tour

We have been all around the Cass River Watershed lately taping for a video which will serve as a virtual Watershed tour. The purpose of this watershed tour is to educate landowners and potential funders of the ongoing issues within the Cass River Watershed and to suggest possible ideas on how we can resolve these issues. We are working with Great Sand Bay Productions to put all of our wonderful footage together. We would first and foremost like to thank everyone who has participated by either giving us a brief

interview or taking us out to designated areas that you thought should be captured in this video. We would like to give a few special shout outs to Mike Kelly(Saginaw Bay WIN), Russ Beaubien(Spicer Group), Robert Zeilinger(Cass River Greenways Committee), Betty Goyings(Cass River Greenways Committee), Greg Alexander(Sanilac County Drain Commissioner), Delores Damm(Tuscola Conservation District Director), Brown Brothers Farm, HWR Farm, David

Newkirk(Hunting Access Program/ Sanilac County) and Dennis Serra(Great Sand Bay Productions). Thank you everyone for all of your help, it has been a pleasure working with all of you! We are finally done taping and now working on putting the video together.





Job Corps Students Graduate to Fight Fires Across the Nation

Until recently, Thomas Barnett, formerly of Washington state, did not have a career goal in mind. However, this spring, the 24-year-old graduated from the Centennial Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center in Nampa, Idaho, and will begin his career as a seasonal firefighter on a fire crew with the Idaho City Ranger District on the Boise National Forest. He said he'll pursue a career in firefighting because it's exciting and he enjoys helping people and communities threatened by wildfire. "I wasn't sure what I wanted to do before going to Job Corps and now I'm graduating with a job in fire and a career path in front of me," said Barnett. "I wouldn't have this opportunity if it wasn't for Job Corps." Grooming the next generation of firefighters is part of the Forest Service mission. Four years ago, the Boise National Forest partnered with Centennial Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center to train students in wildland firefighting to help meet the demand for firefighters nationwide. Job Corps instructor Steve Delmar said Forest Service employees provide training in wildland firefighting to students who are clearly very excited about learning a new skill. "This is an excellent opportunity for our students to receive classroom training as well as experience working with live fire," Delmar said. "Working hand in hand with our instructors, they quickly learn how to apply their instruction and gain valuable insights into wildland firefighting techniques." So far, about 100 students completed the fire training program and other requirements to assist federal, state, Tribal and local firefighters around the country with their wildfire efforts providing initial attack, fire line construction and mop-up duties. The center has placed 10 of those students in permanent firefighting jobs since the program started. "This is a great partnership and it gives our students another career path to pursue," said Delmar. "Some of our students have an interest in fire management and want to pursue this career path because of the job experience we provide."



Thomas Barnett, a March 2013 graduate of the Centennial Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, works on building slash piles to help thin unwanted forest fuels on the Boise National Forest in 2012. Recently hired by the forest, Barnett will start work as part of fire crew in May and put his newly minted wildland firefighting skills to work as he pursues a career in firefighting. (U.S. Forest Service photo/ Michael Delaney)



Michigan NRCS News Releases USDA Conservation Stewardship Program Selection Date Announced

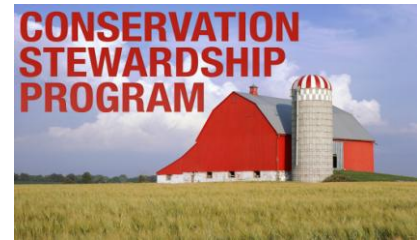
The U.S. Department of Agriculture plans to enroll an additional 12.6 million acres in its Conservation Stewardship Program. Farmers who submit applications by June 14th, 2013 will be considered for enrollment in the program. Although applications are

accepted all year, farmers, ranchers and forestland owners interested in CSP should submit applications by June 14 to their local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office to ensure they are considered for this year's funding. The deadline was

extended from May 31. The USDA is providing \$175 million in funding for land enrolled in 2013.

For more information on CSP applications see the link below...

<http://content.govdelivery.com/bulletins/gd/USDANRCS-7cdcdc>



Michigan Watersheds Targeted for Phosphorus Reduction

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has over \$2.2 million in conservation funds available for farmers in targeted central Michigan watersheds. The funds are available to help farmers incorporate conservation activities that will reduce the amount of phosphorus reaching the Great Lakes. The funding was provided through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and is available from

the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. Farmers have until July 1, 2013, to apply for the funding. Phosphorus entering the Great Lakes from agricultural land and other sources contribute to algal blooms that degrade water quality and aquatic habitat. Areas eligible for the funding include the Mid-Shiawassee River Watershed and the Kearsley, Swartz, and Thread Creeks

Watershed.

**A list of NRCS offices in Michigan are posted online at...

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

"The nation that destroys its soil destroys itself."

-Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Update on Phragmites meeting held Friday June, 14th 2013.

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On Friday June, 14th 2013 a meeting was held at the Arenac Conservation District regarding the burning of Phragmites. There were 16 people in attendance including representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MDNR, Saginaw Bay RC&D, Arenac Conservation District, local fire department, and local county commissioners. The meeting went very well, as all of our common interest is to manage this invasive (Phragmites) as safely and accurately as possible. When it comes to burning this invasive, the best time to burn is January through the end of April and then in Mid-July through August. (Weather depending of course) You must ensure that you have a proper burn plan in place so the fire doesn't escape and cause harm to anything/anyone else. You also must contact your local sheriff's office or DNR to obtain a permit to burn, which is no cost. Other discussions included proper techniques for best results when applying chemicals. Mowing of the Phragmites should cease by the middle of July, so the plant can reach 3-4' tall. This ensures that the plant completely soaks in the chemical applied. We learned that using a lawn roller to knock the thatch down seemed to be one of the most effective methods used so far.



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