



**North Country
Cooperative
Invasive
Species
Management
Area**

Fighting Invasives, Protecting Assets, Restoring Habitats

Serving Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Osceola, and Wexford Counties

Invasive Species Management and Outreach Resource Directory

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Table 1. Coverage of NCCISMA and partnering organizations

Organization	Lake County	Mason County	Mecosta County	Missaukee County	Osceola County	Wexford County	Entire State of MI
NCCISMA	X	X	X	X	X	X	
AFFEWS		X					
Huron Manistee National Forests	X	X				X	
Mason-Lake Conservation District	X	X					
Mecosta Conservation District			X				
North Country Trail-Spirit of the Woods	X	X					
Michigan State Extension Office							X
MDOT- Grand Region	X	X	X		X		
Department of Natural Resources-Forest Health							X
Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International							X
PLM Lake & Land Management							X
Missaukee Conservation District				X			
USGS Great Lakes Science Center							X
JMB Associates, LLC	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council	X	X					
Natural Resources Conservation Services	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Muskegon River Watershed Assembly			X	X	X		
Wexford Conservation District						X	
Osceola-Lake Conservation District	X				X		

Lake County

- **Huron-Manistee National Forests**

The Huron-Manistee National Forest is a public land management organization responsible for managing nearly a million acres of public lands. Their mission is caring for the land and serving the people. To learn more visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/hmnf>

Contact: Carolyn Henne

Address: 412 Red Apple Road,
Manistee, MI 49660

Phone Number: 231-723-2211 x 3123

E-mail Address: carolyn.henne@usda.gov

Address: 650 Michigan Avenue
Baldwin, MI 49304

Phone Number: 231-745-5845

Services they provide:

- Willing to present on native and non-native plant species, treatment options, forest insects and diseases, trail maintenance, and habitat restoration
- Native and non-native plant identification
- Aquatic species identification
- Forest pests and disease identification
- Invasive species treatment options
- Provide venue for outreach

- **JMB Associates, LLC**

An independent company that does consulting and grant writing for community and local government projects.

Contact: Jim Bernier

Phone Number: 231-429-2292

E-mail Address: jmbassoc@charter.net

Services they provide:

- Assist with grant writing process and review

- **Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council**

Bringing together persons and organizations who have an interest in the resource conservation and restoration of the Little Manistee River, and preserve the natural character of the watershed by communicating resource problems and then offering and implementing problem resolutions. To learn more visit www.LMWCC.ORG

Contact: Armas D Soorus
Phone Number: 616-780-0954

Address: P.O. Box 52, Irons, MI 49644
E-mail Address: Littlemanwsassy@gmail.com

Services they provide:

- Venue for outreach events

- **Mason- Lake Conservation District**

Providing technical expertise and education to the community regarding natural resources. To learn more visit www.mason-lakeconservation.org

Contact: Dani McGarry
Phone Number: 231-757-3707

Address: 655 N. Scottville Rd, Scottville, MI 49454
E-mail Address: dani.mcgarry@macd.org

Services they provide:

- Native and non-native plant identification
- Aquatic invasives identification
- Forest pests/disease identification
- Tree/shrub identification
- Assist in grant writing
- Advice on farm equipment management/repair, riparian habitat restoration, farming practices
- Willing to present on native and non-native plant species, treatment options
- Contribute volunteer base/staff time, tools at cost, display materials (display board, 6' x 6' screen, projector), animal pelts/skulls, forestry tree samples, solar panel/battery block, fish printing molds, water flow model

- **Michigan Department of Transportation- Grand Region**

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Contact: Tom Kitcey
Phone Number: 616 558-8084

Address: 1420 Front Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49504
E-mail Address: kitceyt@michigan.gov

Services they provide:

- Provide assistance in identifying invasive plant species
- Willing to present on control options

- **North Country Trail Association**

NCT mission is to develop, maintain, protect and promote the North Country National Scenic Trail as the premier hiking path across the northern tier of the United States through a trail-wide coalition of volunteers and partners. To read more visit www.northcountrytrail.org

Contact: Kenny Wawsczyk

Phone Number: 231-250-6779

E-mail Address: kwawsczyk@northcountrytrail.org

Contact: Bob Dunning, SPW Chapter

Phone Number: 779-772-3344

E-mail Address: bob.dunning@att.net

Services they provide:

- Contribute volunteer base/staff time
- Tools for trail maintenance (paulaski, lopers, hand saws)
- Provide assistance on identifying native and non-native plant species
- Provide handouts on local rivers
- Willing to present on trail maintenance

- **Natural Resources Conservation Services**

NRCS provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment. To learn more visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

Contact: Greg White

Address: 138 W. Upton Suite 2
Reed City, MI 49677

Phone Number: 231-832-5341

E-mail Address: greg.white@mi.usda.gov

Contact: Seth Earl

Address: 655 N. Scottville Road
Scottville, MI 49454

Phone Number: 231-757-3707

E-mail Address: seth.earl@mi.usda.gov

Services they provide:

- Assist with conservation planning
- Provide options for financial assistance for invasive species control

Mason County

- **A Few Friends for the Environment of the World (AFFEW)**

AFFEW's mission is to provide visitors and residents with information regarding environmental issues having local importance by promoting public awareness, hosting balanced discussions, providing referral to other organizations, and sponsoring activities which promote a healthier ecosystem. To learn more visit <http://www.affew.org>

Contact: Julia Chambers

Phone Number: 231-690-9561

Address: PO Box 177, Ludington, MI 49431

E-mail Address: earthmuffin56@gmail.com

Services they provide:

- Volunteer base/staff time
- Handouts on native alternatives
- Willing to present on native plants

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- **Michigan Department of Transportation- Grand Region**

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Address: 655 N. Scottville Rd, Scottville, MI 49454

E-mail Address: seth.earl@mi.usda.gov

Services they provide:

- Assist with conservation planning
- Provide options for financial assistance for invasive species control

Mecosta County

- **JMB Associates, LLC**

An independent company that does consulting and grant writing for community and local government projects.

Contact: Jim Bernier

Phone Number: 231-429-2292

E-mail Address: jmbassoc@charter.net

Services they provide:

- Assist with grant writing process and review

- **Mecosta Conservation District**

Mecosta CD was created to serve as stewards of our natural resources, the Mecosta Conservation District provides site-specific, technical assistance and information to landowners/users in all aspects of resource management. To learn more visit <https://www.mecostacd.org/>

Contact: District Administrator

Address: 18260 Northland Drive
Big Rapids, MI 49307

Phone Number: 231- 796-0909 x 3

Services they provide:

- Willing to present on forest insects and diseases
- Have tools available at cost for invasive species removal

- **Michigan Department of Transportation- Grand Region**

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is responsible for Michigan's 9,669-mile state highway system, comprised of all M, I, and US routes. MDOT also administers other state and federal transportation programs for aviation, intercity passenger services, rail freight, local public transit services, the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF), and others. To learn more visit <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/>

Contact: Tom Kitcey

Address: 1420 Front Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Phone Number: 616 558-8084

E-mail Address: kitceyt@michigan.gov

Services they provide:

- Provide assistance in identifying invasive plant species
- Willing to present on control options

- **Muskegon River Watershed Assembly**

The Muskegon River Watershed Assembly is dedicated to the preservation, protection, restoration, and sustainable use of the Muskegon River, the land it drains, and the life it supports, through educational, scientific and conservation initiatives. To learn more visit <http://mrwa.org/mrwa-home/>

Contact: Marty Holtgren

Address: 1009 Campus Drive JOH 200, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Phone Number: 231-591-2334

E-mail Address: martyholtgren@ferris.edu

Services they provide:

- Able to assist in identification of aquatic plant species
- Willing to present on native plant species
- Willing to donate staff time and share volunteer base
- Able to share social media and website for promotional needs

- **Natural Resources Conservation Services**

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Contact: Jennifer Taylor

Address: 18260 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307

Phone Number: 231-796-2659

E-mail Address: Jennifer.taylor@mi.usda.gov

Services they provide:

- Assist with conservation planning
- Provide options for financial assistance for invasive species control

Missaukee County

- **Missaukee Conservation District**

Missaukee CD provides assistance to Missaukee County land users through technical assistance, cost share, recycling, farming programs, Farm Bill assistance, soil erosion assistance and permitting, nature education, and recycling/composting. To learn more visit <http://missaukeecd.org/>

Contact: Sherry Blaszak, District Manager

Address: 6180 W. Sanborn Road Suite 3, Lake City, MI 49651

Phone Number: 231- 796-0909 x 3

E-mail Address: sherry.blaszak@macd.org

Services they provide:

- Venue for outreach event

- **Muskegon River Watershed Assembly**

The Muskegon River Watershed Assembly is dedicated to the preservation, protection, restoration, and sustainable use of the Muskegon River, the land it drains, and the life it supports, through educational, scientific and conservation initiatives. To learn more visit <http://mrwa.org/mrwa-home/>

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- Willing to donate staff time and share volunteer base
- Able to share social media and website for promotional needs

- **JMB Associates, LLC**

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Contact: Jim Bernier

Phone Number: 231-429-2292

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Services they provide:

- Assist with grant writing process and review

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Contact: Jim Williams

Address: 7192 E. 34 Rd, Cadillac MI, 49601

Phone Number: 231-775-7681

E-mail Address: jim.williams@mi.usda.gov

Services they provide:

- Assist with conservation planning
- Provide options for financial assistance for invasive species control

Osceola County

- **Michigan Department of Transportation- Grand Region**

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Contact: Tom Kitcey

Address: 1420 Front Ave, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Phone Number: 616-558-8084

E-mail Address: kitceyt@michigan.gov

Services they provide:

- Provide assistance in identifying invasive plant species
- Willing to present on control options

- **Muskegon River Watershed Assembly**

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Contact: Greg White

Address: 138 W. Upton Suite 2, Reed City, MI 49677

Phone Number: 231-832-5341

E-mail Address: greg.white@mi.usda.gov

Services they provide:

- Assist with conservation planning
- Provide options for financial assistance for invasive species control

- **Osceola- Lake Conservation District**

Created to serve as stewards of our natural resources, the Mecosta and Osceola-Lake Conservation Districts provide site-specific, technical assistance and information to landowners/users in all aspects of resource management.

Contact: Mark Sweppenheiser

Address: 138 W. Upton Avenue, Ste. 2, Reed City, MI 49677

Phone Number: (231) 832-2950 Ext. 5

E-mail Address: mark.sweppenheiser@macd.org

Wexford County

- **Huron-Manistee National Forests**

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Phone Number: 231-745-5845

Services they provide:

- Willing to present on native and non-native plant species, treatment options, forest insects and diseases, trail maintenance, and habitat restoration
- Native and non-native plant identification
- Aquatic species identification
- Forest pests and disease identification
- Invasive species treatment options
- Provide venue for outreach

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Phone Number: 231-775-7681

Address: 7192 E. 34 Rd, Cadillac MI, 49601

E-mail Address: jim.williams@mi.usda.gov

Services they provide:

- Assist with conservation planning
- Provide options for financial assistance for invasive species control

- **Wexford Conservation District**

Wexford Conservation District's mission is to enable the citizens of Wexford County to be stewards of their natural resources.

Contact: Tiffany Jones

Address: 7192 E. 34 Rd, Cadillac MI, 49601

Phone Number: 231-775-7681 X 3

E-mail Address: wexford@macd.org

Entire State

- **Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International**

Advocates for fly fishing, giving fly fishing a unified voice, to promote fly fishing as a method of angling and to protect and expand fly fishing opportunities. To learn more visit www.ffiglc.org

Contact: Dave Peterson

Phone Number: 630-533-1009

Services they provide:

- Willing to donate staff time and share volunteer base
- Provide venue for outreach events
- Have brochures available on responsible angling practices
- Willing to present on aquatic invasive species, specifically river and lakes

- **Michigan Department of Natural Resources- Forest Health Division**

Our forest health professionals work with other state and federal agencies and universities to prevent, evaluate and manage the occurrence and impacts of both native and exotic forest insects and diseases.

Contact: Scott Lint

Address: 8015 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac MI 49601

Phone Number: 231-775-9727 x6051

E-mail Address: lints@michigan.gov

Services they provide:

- Willing to provide venue for meetings at Baldwin Field Office
- Assist in identification for trees/shrubs and forest pests and insects
- Distribute handouts on forest pests and other terrestrial invasive species

- **Michigan State University Extension Office**

MSU Extension helps people improve their lives by bringing the vast knowledge resources of MSU directly to individuals, communities and businesses throughout the state. To learn more visit www.msue.msu.edu

Contact: Erin Lizotte

Address: 401 N. Lake St, #400
Cadillac, MI 49601

Phone Number: 231-944-6504

E-mail Address: taylo548@msu.edu

Contact: Erick Elgin

Address: 5479 W. 72nd St, Suite 206
Fremont, MI 49412

Phone Number: 231-928-1053

E-mail Address: elgineri@msu.edu

Services they provide:

- Willing to present on aquatic invasive species, prevention, invasion process of invasive species, agricultural pests, and integrated pest management
- Assist with identification of native plants, forest pests and diseases, aquatic species, agricultural pests
- Has a laboratory that can help with genetic testing and diagnostics

○ **PLM Lake & Land Management- Great Lakes Region**

PLM offers a variety of watershed management tools, products and services including lake and pond surveys, vegetation mapping (AVAS), invasive species management plans, herbicide and algaecide applications for aquatic and terrestrial species, bathymetric mapping, water quality testing, aquatic harvesting, aeration/fountains, fish assessments, and right of way (ROW) management. To learn more visit <https://www.plmcorp.net/>

Contact: Dustin Grabill
Phone Number: 800-382-4434

Address: 9826 S. Industrial Drive, Ewart, MI 49631
E-mail Address: dusting@plmcorp.net

Services they provide:

- Willing to present on invasive species management
- Treatments of invasive species

○ **United States Geological Survey Great Lakes Science Center**

The Great Lakes Science Center (GLSC) is a federal research agency whose mission is to meet the nation's needs for scientific information used by resource managers to restore, enhance, manage, and protect the living resources and habitats in the Great Lakes basin. In partnership with the Great Lakes Commission, GLSC scientists have formed the Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative whose focus is facilitating partnerships among Phragmites experts with the ultimate goal of reducing this invasive's spread and impact in the Great Lakes basin. To achieve this goal, the Collaborative has a network representing many agencies and stakeholders as well as a bevy of tools including identification guides, management information, a quarterly research roundup, and the Phragmites Adaptive Management Framework.

Contact: Dan Engel
Telephone Number: 517-712-1956

Address: 1451 Green Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105
E-mail Address: dengel@contractor.usgs.gov

Services they provide:

- Phragmites Adaptive Management Framework - collective learning and site-specific management guidance
- Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative - network of Phragmites experts, management information
- Willing to present on Phragmites impact, control, and adaptive management as well as wetland ecology in general
- Collaborations for research purposes regarding wetland ecology

Appendix A

NCCISMA Topic of Interest Directory

Presentations

Aside from NCCISMA the partners listed below have expertise on the following topics. Refer to Appendix A for contact information and coverage area.

Native Plants:

- A Few Friends for the Environment of the World (AFFEW)
- Huron-Manistee National Forests
- Mason-Lake Conservation District
- Muskegon River Watershed Assembly

Invasive Plants:

- Huron-Manistee National Forests
- Mason-Lake Conservation District

Treatment Options:

- Huron-Manistee National Forests
- Mason-Lake Conservation District

Forest Invasives (Insects and Disease):

- Huron-Manistee National Forests
- Mecosta Conservation District
- Department of Natural Resources- Forest Health Response Team

Aquatic Invasives:

- Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International
 - Specialty in River and Lake Invasive Species
- Michigan State Extension Office- Cadillac
- Michigan State Extension Office- Newaygo
 - Specialty in Prevention and Invasion Process

Trail Maintenance:

- North Country Trail Association - Spirit of the Woods Chapter
- Huron-Manistee National Forests

Habitat Restoration:

- Mason-Lake Conservation District

- Huron-Manistee National Forests

Invasive Species Management:

- PLM Lake & Land Management

Control Options:

- Michigan Department of Transportation - Grand Region

Agricultural Invasive Species/Pests:

- Michigan State University Extension Office - Cadillac

Pesticides and Integrated Pest Management:

- Michigan State University Extension Office - Cadillac

Phragmites:

- USGS Great Lakes Science Center - Specialty in Control, Impact, and Wetland Science

Handouts/Pamphlets

The following brochures are available through NCCISMA and their partnering Conservation Districts.

- NCCISMA Brochure
- NCCISMA Educational Placemats (Aquatic, Gardening, Camping, Trails)
- ORV/ATV Invasive Decontamination Brochure
- River Recreationist Invasive Decontamination Brochure
- Educational Door-hangers (Japanese knotweed/Phragmites & Oriental bittersweet/garlic mustard)
- State of Michigan Citizens Guide to Invasive Plant Disposal
- State of Michigan Invasive/Native Fish Posters
- State of Michigan "What is a CISMA" Rack Card
- State of Michigan Asian Carp Brochure
- State of Michigan Aquatic Invasive Species Brochure
- Northwest Michigan Invasive Species Network Plan Before You Plant Booklet
- Midwest Invasive Plant Network Landscape Alternatives to Invasive Plants Brochure

Other Handouts/Pamphlets Available Through Partners

Native Alternatives:

- A Few Friends for the Environment of the World (AFFEW)

Forest Health Pests/Diseases:

- Department of Natural Resources Forest Health Team- Cadillac

Local Rivers:

- North Country Trail Association- Spirit of the Woods Chapter

Phragmites Programs:

- USGS Great Lakes Science Center

Right of Way Control:

- Michigan Department of Transportation- Cadillac

Responsible Angling Practices:

- Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International

Plant Identification

Aside from NCCISMA the partners listed below have staff with expertise on the following topics and are willing to help with plant identification. Refer to Appendix A for contact information and coverage area to bring samples to.

Non-native Plant Species:

- Huron-Manistee National Forests
- Mason-Lake Conservation District
- North Country Trail Association- Spirit of the Woods Chapter
- Michigan Department of Transportation

Native Plant Species:

- Huron-Manistee National Forests
- Mason-Lake Conservation District
- North Country Trail Association- Spirit of the Woods Chapter
- Michigan State University Extension Office- Cadillac Office

Forest Pests/ Disease:

- Michigan State University Extension Office- Cadillac & Newaygo Office
- Huron-Manistee National Forests
- Mason-Lake Conservation District
- Department of Natural Resources Forest Health- Cadillac Office

Aquatic Species:

- Huron-Manistee National Forests
- Mason-Lake Conservation District
- Muskegon River Watershed Assembly
- Michigan State University Extension Office- Newaygo Office

Agricultural Pests:

- Michigan State University Extension Office- Cadillac & Newaygo Office
- Mason-Lake Conservation District

Native vs. Non-native Phragmites:

- USGS Great Lakes Science Center

Tree/Shrub:

- Mason-Lake Conservation District
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources

Other Available Expertise

This section is available staff that has other expertise not listed in the topics in the previous section.

Grant Writing:

- Mason-Lake Conservation District
- JMB Associates, LLC - FEES MAY APPLY

Farming Practices:

- Mason-Lake Conservation District

Farm Equipment Management & Repair:

- Mason-Lake Conservation District

Riparian/Aquatic Habitat Restoration:

- Mason-Lake Conservation District

Resources Available

This section is for the organizations that are offering other resources for the use of NCCISMA partners.

Venue for Outreach:

- Huron-Manistee National Forests
- Michigan State University Extension Office - Cadillac
- Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council
- Missaukee Conservation District
- Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International
- Department of Natural Resources Forest Health - Baldwin Field Office

Diagnostics:

- Michigan State University Extension Offices - Genetic Testing
 - Plantid.msu.edu
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Forest Health
 - DNR-FRD-Forest-Health@michigan.gov

Volunteer Base/Staff Time:

- A Few Friends for the Environment of the World (AFFEW)
- Mason-Lake Conservation District
- Muskegon River Watershed Assembly
- North Country Trail Association
- Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International

Tools:

- North Country Trail Association - Spirit of the Woods Chapter
- Mecosta Conservation District
- Mason-Lake Conservation District (Rental Agreement/Cost)

Phragmites Management:

- USGS Great Lakes Science Center- Phragmites Adaptive Management Framework (PAMF)

Social Media/Website:

- Muskegon River Watershed Assembly

Display Materials:

- Mason-Lake Conservation District

- Display board, 6' x 6' screen, projector

Natural Resource Materials:

- Mason-Lake Conservation District
 - Animal pelts/skulls
 - Forestry tree samples
 - Solar panel/battery block
 - Fish printing molds
 - Water flow model

Conservation:

- Natural Resources Conservation Services
 - Conservation planning
 - Financial assistance for invasive species control/brush management

Recommended Reference Materials

This section is for other materials that are not offered through NCCISMA and their partners but are useful for invasive species management.

- Field Manual of Michigan Flora by Edward G. Voss and Anton A. Reznicek
- Best Management Practice Guides for Invasive Species by Species at MISIN.org
- Department of Natural Resources Website www.michigan.gov/invasives
- Product Labels
- Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative, www.greatlakesphragmites.net
- University of Michigan on-line herbarium resource, www.michiganflora.net/home.aspx
- Field Guide to the Natural Communities of Michigan by Josh Cohen, Michael Kost, Brad Slaughter, and Dennis Albert

Appendix B

NCCISMA Partnering Organizations Contact Information

A Few Friends for the Environment of the World (AAFEW)

AAFEW's mission is to provide visitors and residents with information regarding environmental issues having local importance by promoting public awareness, hosting balanced discussions, providing referral to other organizations, and sponsoring activities which promote a healthier ecosystem. To learn more visit <http://www.affew.org>

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Coverage Area: Mason County

Great Lakes Council of Fly Fishers International

Advocates for fly fishing, giving fly fishing a unified voice, to promote fly fishing as a method of angling and to protect and expand fly fishing opportunities. To learn more visit www.ffiglc.org

Contact: Dave Peterson

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Coverage Area: Entire State of Michigan and Indiana

Huron-Manistee National Forest

The Huron-Manistee National Forest is a public land management organization responsible for managing nearly a million acres of public lands. Their mission is caring for the land and serving the people. To learn more visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/hmnf>

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Coverage Area: Mason, Lake, Wexford Counties

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JMB Associates, LLC

An independent company that does consulting and grant writing for community and local government projects.

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Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council

Bringing together persons and organizations who have an interest in the resource conservation and restoration of the Little Manistee River, and preserve the natural character of the watershed by communicating resource problems and then offering and implementing problem resolutions. To learn more visit www.LMWCC.ORG

Contact: Armas D Soorus

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Coverage Area: Mason, Manistee, Lake County

Mason-Lake Conservation District

Providing technical expertise and education to the community regarding natural resources. To learn more visit www.mason-lakeconservation.org

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Coverage Area: Mason and western half of Lake Counties

Mecosta Conservation District

Mecosta CD was created to serve as stewards of our natural resources, the Mecosta Conservation District provides site-specific, technical assistance and information to landowners/users in all aspects of resource management. To learn more visit <https://www.mecostacd.org/>

Contact: District Administrator
Address: 18260 Northland Drive, Big Rapids, MI 49307
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Coverage Area: Mecosta County

Michigan Department of Natural Resources- Forest Health Division

Protecting the health of Michigan's forests is a challenging task that requires collaboration. Our forest health professionals work with other state and federal agencies and universities to prevent, evaluate and manage the occurrence and impacts of both native and exotic forest insects and diseases.

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Coverage Area: Entire State of Michigan

Michigan Department of Transportation- Grand Region

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is responsible for Michigan's 9,669-mile state highway system, comprised of all M, I, and US routes. MDOT also administers other state and federal transportation programs for aviation, intercity passenger services, rail freight, local public transit services, the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF), and others. To learn more visit <https://www.michigan.gov/mdot/>

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Coverage Area: Allegan, Barry, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, and Osceola Counties

Michigan State University Extension Office

MSU Extension helps people improve their lives by bringing the vast knowledge resources of MSU directly to individuals, communities and businesses throughout the state. To learn more visit www.msue.msu.edu

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Coverage Area: Entire State

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5479 W. 72nd St., Suite 206
Fremont, MI 49412
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Missaukee Conservation District

Missaukee CD provides assistance to Missaukee County land users through technical assistance, cost share, recycling, farming programs, Farm Bill assistance, soil erosion assistance and permitting, nature education, and recycling/composting. To learn more visit <http://missaukeecd.org/>

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Coverage Area: Missaukee County

Muskegon River Watershed Assembly

The Muskegon River Watershed Assembly is dedicated to the preservation, protection, restoration, and sustainable use of the Muskegon River, the land it drains, and the life it supports, through educational, scientific and conservation initiatives. To learn more visit <http://mrwa.org/mrwa-home/>

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Coverage Area: Clare, Mecosta, Missaukee, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Osceola, and Roscommon Counties

Natural Resource Conservation Service

NRCS provides leadership in a partnership effort to help people conserve, maintain and improve our natural resources and environment. To learn more visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

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North Country Trail Association

NCT mission is to develop, maintain, protect and promote the North Country National Scenic Trail as the premier hiking path across the northern tier of the United States through a trail-wide coalition of volunteers and partners. To read more visit www.northcountrytrail.org

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Coverage Area: Entire State of Michigan

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Coverage Area: Lake and Mason Counties

PLM Lake & Land Management- Great Lakes Region

PLM offers a variety of watershed management tools, products and services including lake and pond surveys, vegetation mapping (AVAS), invasive species management plans, herbicide and algaecide applications for aquatic and terrestrial species, bathymetric mapping, water quality testing, aquatic harvesting, aeration/fountains, fish assessments, and right of way (ROW) management. To learn more visit <https://www.plmcorp.net/>

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United States Geological Survey Great Lakes Science Center

The Great Lakes Science Center (GLSC) is a federal research agency whose mission is to meet the nation's needs for scientific information used by resource managers to restore, enhance, manage, and protect the living resources and habitats in the Great Lakes basin. In partnership with the Great Lakes Commission, GLSC scientists have formed the Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative whose focus is facilitating partnerships among Phragmites experts with the ultimate goal of reducing this invasive's spread and impact in the Great Lakes basin. To achieve this goal, the Collaborative has a network representing many agencies and stakeholders as well as a bevy of tools including identification guides, management information, a quarterly research roundup, and the Phragmites Adaptive Management Framework.

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