



**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	
AFFEW		X					
Huron Manistee National Forests	X	X				X	
Mason-Lake Conservation District	X	X					
Mecosta Conservation District			X				
North Country Trail	X	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>

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**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](http://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](http://www.mason-lakeconservation.org)

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

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

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  
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**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](http://www.northcountrytrail.org)

**Contact:** Kenny Wawsczyk

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**Contact:** Bob Dunning, SPW Chapter

**Phone Number:** 779-772-3344

**E-mail Address:** [bob.dunning@att.net](mailto: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**

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**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

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**E-mail Address:** earthmuffin56@gmail.com

**Services they provide:**

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

- **Huron-Manistee National Forests**

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**Services they provide:**

- Venue for outreach events

- **Mason- Lake Conservation District**

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- 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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**E-mail Address:** [bob.dunning@att.net](mailto:bob.dunning@att.net)

**Services they provide:**

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- Tools for trail maintenance (paulski, 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**

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- Provide options for financial assistance for invasive species control

## Mecosta County

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**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**

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**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

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**Phone Number:** 231-591-2334

**E-mail Address:** [martyholtgren@ferris.edu](mailto: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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**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/>

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

**Services they provide:**

- Venue for outreach event

- **Muskegon River Watershed Assembly**

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**Contact:** Jim Williams

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**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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**Services they provide:**

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

- **Muskegon River Watershed Assembly**

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**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.

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**Phone Number:** 231-250-6779

**E-mail Address:** [kwawczyk@northcountrytrail.org](mailto:kwawczyk@northcountrytrail.org)

**Services they provide:**

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

- **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

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## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.msue.msu.edu)

**Contact:** Erin Lizotte

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Cadillac, MI 49601

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Fremont, MI 49412

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**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/>

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**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 has formed the Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative whose focus is facilitating partnerships among Phragmites experts with the goal of reducing this invasive's spread & impact in the Great Lakes basin. To achieve this goal, the Collaborative has a network representing many agencies, stakeholders, and tools including identification guides, management information, quarterly research roundup, and the PAMF.

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**Services they provide:**

- Phragmites Adaptive Management Framework (PAMF) - 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](http://www.michigan.gov/invasives)
- Product Labels
- Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative, [www.greatlakesphragmites.net](http://www.greatlakesphragmites.net)
- University of Michigan on-line herbarium resource, [www.michiganflora.net/home.aspx](http://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>

**Contact:** Julia Chambers

**Address:** PO Box 177

Ludington, MI 49431

**Phone Number:** 231-690-9561

**E-mail Address:** [earthmuffin56@gmail.com](mailto:earthmuffin56@gmail.com)

**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](http://www.ffiglc.org)

**Contact:** Dave Peterson

**Phone Number:** 630-533-1009

**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>

**Contact:** Carolyn Henne

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Manistee, MI 49660

**Phone Number:** 231-723-2211 x 3123

**E-mail Address:** [carolyn.henne@usda.gov](mailto:carolyn.henne@usda.gov)

**Coverage Area:** Mason, Lake, Wexford Counties

**Address:** 650 Michigan Avenue  
Baldwin, MI 49304

**Phone Number:** 231-745-5845

## **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

## **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](http://www.LMWCC.ORG)

**Contact:** Armas D Soorus

**Address:** P.O. Box 52, Irons, MI 49644

**Phone Number:** 616-780-0954

**E-mail Address:** Littlemanwsassy@gmail.com

**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](http://www.mason-lakeconservation.org)

**Contact:** Dani McGarry

**Address:** 655 N. Scottville Road  
Scottville, MI 49454

**Phone Number:** 231-757-3707

**E-mail Address:** dani.mcgarry@macd.org

**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  
**Phone Number:** 231- 796-0909 x 3  
**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.

**Contact:** Scott Lint  
**Address:** 8015 Mackinaw Trail, Cadillac 49601  
**Phone Number:** 231-775-9727 x6051  
**E-mail Address:** lints@michigan.gov  
**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/>

**Contact:** Tom Kitcey  
**Address:** 1420 Front Avenue, NW Grand Rapids, MI 49504  
**Phone Number:** 616 558-8084  
**E-mail Address:** kitceyt@michigan.gov  
**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](http://www.msue.msu.edu)

**Contact:** Erin Lizotte  
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401 N. Lake St. #400  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
**Phone Number:** 231-944-6504  
**E-mail Address:** taylo548@msu.edu  
**Coverage Area:** Entire State

**Contact:** Erick Elgin  
**Address:** Newaygo County Extension Office  
5479 W. 72nd St., Suite 206  
Fremont, MI 49412  
**Phone Number:** 231-928-1053  
**E-mail Address:** elgineri@msu.edu

### **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  
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**Phone Number:** 231- 796-0909 x 3  
**E-mail Address:** sherry.blaszak@macd.org  
**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/>

**Contact:** Marty Holtgren  
**Address:** 1009 Campus Drive JOH 200 Big Rapids, MI 49307  
**Phone Number:** 231-591-2334  
**E-mail Address:** martyholtgren@ferris.edu  
**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>

**Contact:** Jim Williams

**Address:** 7192 E. 34 Road  
Cadillac, MI 49601

**Phone Number:** 231-775-7681

**E-mail Address:** [jim.williams@mi.usda.gov](mailto:jim.williams@mi.usda.gov)

**Coverage Area:** Wexford and Missaukee Counties

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Reed City, MI 49677

**Phone Number:** 231-832-5341

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**Coverage Area:** Osceola and eastern half of Lake County

**Contact:** Jennifer Taylor

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**Coverage Area:** Mecosta County

**Contact:** Seth Earl

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**Coverage Area:** Mason and western half of Lake County

## 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](http://www.northcountrytrail.org)

**Contact:** Kenny Wawsczyk

**Phone Number:** 231-250-6779

**E-mail Address:** [kwawsczyk@northcountrytrail.org](mailto:kwawsczyk@northcountrytrail.org)

**Coverage Area:** Entire State of Michigan

**Contact:** Bob Dunning, Spirit of the Woods

**Phone Number:** 779-772-3344

**E-mail Address:** [bob.dunning@att.net](mailto:bob.dunning@att.net)

**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/>



**Contact:** Dustin Grabill  
**Address:** 9826 S. Industrial Drive Ewart, MI 49631  
**Phone Number:** 800-382-4434  
**E-mail Address:** dusting@plmcorp.net  
**Coverage Area:** Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio

### **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  
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