



Registration for Washtenaw County
Winter 2009

Thank you for your interest in the Michigan Conservation Stewards Program. This program is designed for anyone interested in conservation, outdoor recreation, nature learning, natural areas, current conservation issues, local parks, and other topics such as rivers, streams, birds and wildlife. Through participation in this program, you will learn essential strategies to help restore and conserve ecosystems in Washtenaw County. The series of classes, led by experts in various fields of conservation and natural resources, will include lectures, interactive learning and field experiences.

A required component of this program includes the completion of community service projects related to restoring and conserving ecosystems. Michigan Conservation Stewards' service projects may include habitat restoration, data collection for frog and toad surveys, educational presentations, projects you design yourself, invasive species management with a local land conservancy or educational programs with a conservation district to help manage our local natural resources.

To become a certified Michigan Conservation Steward, participants must fulfill the following requirements:

- Attend all classes, including field experiences (40 total hours)
- Complete a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer conservation service within one year.
- Comply with the Michigan Conservation Stewards Program policies, procedures and code of conduct.

To maintain their certification, Michigan Conservation Stewards must complete the following annually:

- 40 hours of volunteer conservation service on approved projects.
- 8 hours of advanced training.
- Comply with the Michigan Conservation Stewards Program policies, procedures and code of conduct

The registration fee for the Conservation Stewards Program is \$250.00. The registration fee covers the cost of the training sessions, the Conservation Stewards Program resource notebook, and a Naturalist Book Nook credit towards the purchase of MSUE field guides and reference materials of your choice. The fee is fully refundable if requested at least two weeks prior to the start of the program. Cancellation after that date will result in no refund.

Please return the completed 2-page registration form to: Washtenaw County MSUE, P.O. Box 8645, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8645 by Friday, February 13, 2009. **You must mail the \$250 registration fee with your application. Please make checks payable to: MSU Extension-Washtenaw County.** A confirmation letter will be mailed to you upon receipt of your application and payment. Maps and a detailed schedule will be mailed to you. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Bob Bricault at Washtenaw County MSUE at 734-997-1678 or email bricault@ewashtenaw.org

4. Please list any organizations to which you belong, especially conservation organizations.
5. Have you ever volunteered before? If yes, please list organizations with which you have volunteered. (For example: professional, conservation, community, hobby organizations, etc.).
Please indicate the average number of hours per month you have volunteered for each organization.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by calling Jessica Roles at 734-222-3857 at least three weeks before class starts.

I understand that my enrollment is contingent upon the receipt of the Conservation Stewards Program registration form and full payment of the registration fee. I also understand that I am committing to attend all program sessions, and complete the volunteer conservation service requirement.

Signature

Date