



Conservation Matters Newsletter October 2021

New Logo's

Midland Conservation District takes on a new look. District Administrator, Karen Thurlow stated "Having a unique logo for our County is a way we can stand out from the rest."

We created 10 different logos for the district and 10 additional ones for the barn. We then posted them on Facebook and asked for "likes" to help us decide. These are the two logos selected. We hope you like our new look.

Michigan Association of Conservation Districts also changed their logo this year.



MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION of
CONSERVATION DISTRICTS



State of Michigan appropriated \$3 million in base operational funding for Michigan's Conservation Districts!

Great news for Michigan's 75 conservation districts. Thank you Governor Whitmer *and all those who wrote letters in support!*

Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) is thrilled to report that due to our advocacy efforts, included in the bill was a \$3 million appropriation for base-line operational support for all 75 of Michigan's Conservation Districts (\$40,000 per district)!

Today's passing of SB 82 represents a victory that was years in the making. Since 2009, despite being mandated under state law, Michigan's CDs haven't received a cent in state funding for operational expenses, outside of administrative support for specific grant-based programming.



HAP

Hunting Access Program
NOW taking applications.
Parcels of 40 acres or more qualify and the program pays up to \$25.00 per acre to landowners that open their private property to public hunting.

Call the office for details! 989-486-2325



October is Bat Month!

These winged mammals are drawn to invasive insects. Where would we be without the bats that pollinate our favorite fruits?

Despite the bad rap they've received bats demand respect. They are one of the largest over (1000 different species) and longest living species on earth, They have been around forever! Add to their unique charm the ability to sleep upside down, and that they are the only mammals able to fly.

These fascinating creatures live everywhere humans live and yet manage to avoid us quite well.

While the bat continues to fascinate and often frighten some, it maintains its status as an asset to agriculture.

They are also a non-invasive species and a source of natural pest control.

Building and installing a bat house can make a difference for bats and help promote a healthy environment.

For more information about Bats visit this web site!

<https://hereformioutdoors.org/stories/2018/10/17/dispelling-myths-of-michigan-bats/>



Field Notes

2 NEW Conservation Matters Shows airing on MCTV. Thank you Guest-Matt Lindauer (CM-CISMA) and Host-Benjamin Vandyke (MCD) **Invasives in your Backyard**. An hour-long show describing local Invasive Species and how to identify them.

River Survey. A look at the Tittabawassee River and how invasives were spread by the dam breeches of May 2020.

NRCS Programs for Landowners

Are you a landowner looking for direction on conservation practices on your property?

Click this link for more information

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/programs/financial/eqip/?cid=nrcs144p2_002597

CONTACT US

Are you looking to become involved with local conservation efforts?

Are you in need of land resource assistance?

The Midland Conservation District is here to help. Contact us to learn more about our programs and services.

Phone: 989.486.2325

Email: midlandconservation@macd.org

Website: www.midlandcd.org

Address: USDA Service Center
954 East Isabella Rd, Midland MI 48640

Like us on FaceBook.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Lee Township Hall 1485 W Olson Rd, Midland, MI 48640

October 19, 2021, November 16, 2021,
December 21, 2021 and January 18, 2022

Our Annual Tree sale starts January 15, 2022

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