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Fall Newsletter: Conservation Matters in Kalamazoo

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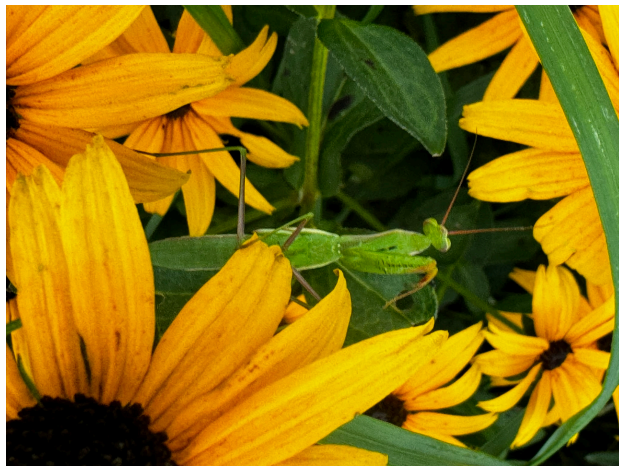
Kalamazoo Conservation District Newsletter - Fall 2025

Our Mission: "Working with our community to protect, conserve and restore the natural resources of Kalamazoo County"

Our Renewed Commitment to Kalamazoo's Natural Resources

As autumn transforms our landscape, we're excited to share our updated mission statement and recent accomplishments. The Kalamazoo Conservation District remains dedicated to preserving our region's natural resources through education, partnerships, and technical assistance.

Support YOUR local Conservation District!



Conservation Programs Making a Difference

Our core programs continue to deliver critical resources and support to Kalamazoo County, ensuring a healthier environment for all. Here's a snapshot of what we've accomplished this past fiscal year:

- Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP): Our dedicated MAEAP Technician, James Benjamin, completed over 280 risk reduction practices, helping local farms implement these practices and preventing agricultural pollution. These efforts keep our waterways and soils thriving!
- Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA): We're tackling invasive species that threaten our ecosystems. CISMA's work protects native biodiversity, ensuring our forests, wetlands, and prairies remain vibrant for future generations.
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Partnership: Through technical assistance, we're empowering landowners to implement conservation practices that preserve our natural resources and enhance sustainable land use.
- Produce Safety: Our Produce Safety Technician now offers technical assistance in urban agriculture planning and risk reduction management!

Get Involved! Want to learn more or join our efforts? Visit kalamazooconservation.org to explore volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, or how our technical services can assist you.



Join a Program

Success Stories from Summer 2025

This summer was incredibly productive for our conservation efforts. Our Scrap Tire Recycling Events collected over 3,000 tires from the community, preventing improper disposal and potential environmental hazards. Our Summer Workshops saw record attendance, with community members learning about sustainable land management practices and wildlife habitat enhancement.



New Partnership: HuntMICollaborative

We're thrilled to announce our involvement with the HuntMICollaborative, a statewide initiative promoting responsible hunting practices and wildlife conservation. This partnership will create new opportunities for hunter education, farmland preservation, and sustainable wildlife management in our region. Interested hunters can learn more about the collaborative and sign up to join upcoming hunts at huntmicollaborative.com

If you are a farmer interested in crop damage services, please fill out the form below. By signing up, you can help manage wildlife populations, protect your crops, and contribute to conservation efforts in Kalamazoo County.

Farmer Sign-Up Form

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Initiatives



Spring 2026 Annual Tree Sale Fundraiser

Our Pre-Sale for the Annual Tree Sale will open earlier than ever! This fundraiser supports our conservation programs while providing community members with native trees and shrubs at affordable prices. Stay up to date on pre-sale announcements by tuning into these newsletters or our social media!

Reserve your selections before they're gone.

Grow Native with KCD!

Our native tree selection is perfect for supporting a healthy environment.



Eastern Redbud

\$20.00

Details



Black Spruce

\$15.00

Details



White Pine

\$8.00

[Details](#)



American Elderberry

\$25.00

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Thank You for Supporting Local Conservation

Your continued interest and participation make our work possible. Whether you attend our events, implement conservation practices on your land, or simply spread the word about our initiatives, you're helping create a more sustainable future for Kalamazoo County. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and working together to protect our natural resources.



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