



WASHTENAW COUNTY

LANDOWNER'S RESOURCE LIST

LAND ASSESSMENT

River Raisin Watershed Council (RRWC) riverraisin.org

Promote stewardship, improve water quality, & encourage public to protect, preserve and enhance the RR Watershed by working with partners to provide: classroom & public education, outreach to farmers, water quality monitoring, volunteer cleanups, & river recreation. Foster an understanding of the connection between our quality of life & the health and of the plants & wildlife living in the watershed. Learn more about your watershed & how you can help sustain it!

Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC)

Landowners with properties containing 10+ acres of forest, wetland, or prairie are eligible for a free field assessment which contains:

- What natural features exist on your land
- Water quality benefits
- Information for maintenance decisions, such as how to manage invasive species
- Tax incentive options for conserving ecologically valuable areas
- Data that may help you obtain funding for preservation

hrwc.org/what-we-do/programs/natural-area-assessments-and-protection

Sign-up for an assessment using the QR code!



<https://forms.gle/PZ89YD6bKV1SCE7r5>

LAND MANAGEMENT -Washtenaw County Conservation District (WCCD) washtenawcd.org

Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP)

- Helps farms of all sizes & commodities (as well as landowners with natural areas) voluntarily prevent or minimize agricultural pollution risks. Provides technical assistance and preferred consideration for other programs and cost share.

michigan.gov/mdard/environment/maeap

U. S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS)

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
 - Provides technical, and possibly financial, assistance to address natural resource concerns and deliver environmental benefits (e.g. improved water and air quality, conserved ground and surface water, increased soil health and reduced soil erosion and sedimentation, improved or created wildlife habitat, and mitigation against drought and increasing weather volatility).

nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip

- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)

- Provides technical, and possibly financial, assistance to build on a landowner's existing conservation efforts.

nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/csp

MiFarmLink

- Aims to help shepherd prime farmland from its current stewards into the hands of the next generation by listing and linking land, assisting with succession planning, and connecting new farmers with mentors.

mifarmlink.org

Michigan Forest Association (MFA)

- Non-profit organization provides sound, science-based information through workshops, newsletters, a quarterly magazine, field days, and legislative outreach and advocacy.
michiganforests.org

LAND PROTECTION

Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Commission (WCPRC)

Natural Areas Preservation Program (NAPP):

- For landowners wishing to sell their property, NAPP purchases unique natural areas to ensure preservation for the benefit of all County residents, plants, and animals. The WCPRC manages the program, identifying and caring for lands with special ecological, recreational, and educational benefits.
- In addition, NAPP works to preserve farmland through the purchase of conservation easements. In these instances, the property remains in private ownership.

The program aims to preserve lands which will:

- Protect the natural, ecological diversity & heritage of Washtenaw County
- Complement the existing network of publicly and privately protected lands
- Remain working farms, particularly those including prime and unique soils
- Preserve wildlife habitat or important natural habitats
- Maximize the public benefit

washtenaw.org/2798/Apply-For-Preservation-of-Your-Land

Ann Arbor Greenbelt Program

- Works with private landowners to conserve their property through purchase of development rights.
- Competitive program with more applications than funding available. Timeline from application to closing is typically 24-36 months, and in some cases longer.
- Must be located within the Greenbelt district to be eligible. See map on our website.
- Greenbelt application available online.

a2gov.org/greenbelt

Legacy Land Conservancy

- Non-profit private land trust serving Washtenaw, Jackson, and Lenawee Counties.
- Place Conservation Easements on private property as well as holding and managing some rustic nature preserves.
- If interested in donating all or a portion of the Conservation Easement, that is our specialty!

legacylandconservancy.org/

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