



# Shiawassee Conservation District

## Your Land, Your Water ~ Your Michigan

1900 S. Morrice Road • Owosso, MI 48867 • (989) 723-8263, Ext. 3 Winter/Spring 2023

### Shiawassee Conservation District

## Annual Meeting

### *Open House & Breakfast*

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

McCurdy Park Event Center

457 Emma Drive, Corunna

Breakfast served 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Awards & Election Results Presented at 11:00 AM

**E & J Schneider Farms LLC, 2022 Conservation Farmer of the Year**

**Zsuzsanna Toth-Mahon, 2022 Friend of Conservation**

RSVP by Friday, March 10, 2023

Shiawassee Conservation District (989) 723-8263 x3

If you need accommodations to participate in this event, please contact the Shiawassee Conservation District at (989) 723-8263, ext. 3 by March 3, 2023. USDA is an equal opportunity employer, provider, and lender.

### **Private Well Water Screening**

**March 8, 2023 from 10:00 AM—6:00 PM**

Shiawassee Conservation District Office

1900 S. Morrice Rd, Owosso

Free water screening for nitrites and nitrates. Screening is open to anyone who uses **private well** water for their personal drinking water.

When collecting your water sample: pick a tap that doesn't run through a water softener or hose; run water for several minutes before collecting sample; rinse the sample bottle and lid; 3 ounces of water is adequate; keep the sample dark and cold until it is delivered.

### **Wildlife Habitat Management Workshop**

**March 11, 2023 from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM**

Shiawassee Conservation Association

4247 N. M-52, Owosso

\$5 per person, includes lunch

**RSVP by Friday, February 24 to (989) 723-8263, Ext. 3**

Creating and maintaining healthy wildlife habitat on your property can be fun and rewarding.

This workshop will provide you with some methods and inspiration to enhance your property to better support wildlife. Topics include grassland management with controlled burns, forest management, conservation planning, and available conservation assistance programs.

### **Shiawassee Farmer Network**

Dates to be announced

Join the Shiawassee Farmer Network and collaborate with farmers in your community who know the challenges you face on your farm.

Contact our office for more information or email [shiawasseeCD@macd.org](mailto:shiawasseeCD@macd.org) to request email updates.



Details for all upcoming District events can be found at [www.shiawasseeccd.org](http://www.shiawasseeccd.org). Scan the QR code to go directly to the events page.

## Shiawassee County MAEAP Spotlight Farm

In 2022, the Shiawassee Conservation District got to know the land and owners at Stiles Pumpkin Farm & Back Road Blossoms. This farm is part of a family-owned centennial farm located in Durand owned and operated by Brian and Casie Stiles. The farm operates a self-serve farmstand where they sell homegrown squash, pumpkins, sweet corn, sunflowers, straw, and u-cut flowers. Working with Brian's father, they also farm nearly 70 acres of row crops including corn, soybeans, and wheat. In addition to welcoming a daughter in 2022, Stiles Pumpkin Farm & Back Road Blossoms became Shiawassee County's 93<sup>rd</sup> farm verified in the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).

Stiles Pumpkin Farm & Back Road Blossoms is built on knowledge and practice. Both Casie and Brian are graduates of MSU School of Agriculture and Natural Resources and have varied experiences in agriculture. Brian implements conservation practices learned while working at the MSU Research Farm. Casie draws on experience from her time as a teacher and advisor for the FFA at Corunna High School to host youth programs, 4-H events, and workshops at the farm.

Conservation is a priority to Brian and Casie. They use a variety of practices including cover crops, no-till, nutrient management, and integrated pest management. Steps taken for their Farmstead and Cropping MAEAP verifications included storing and managing fuel, fertilizers, and pesticides in ways that protect against spills and accidental releases. They developed a farm emergency plan, and keep thorough records of fertilizers, pesticides, and irrigated water.

"Working at the MSU Agronomy Farm full-time has allowed me to bring home knowledge and methods in

which are crucial to the success of our farm," stated Brian Stiles. "We take great pride in our farm and our crops to ensure that we can provide a positive face of Agriculture to the public when they visit our operation." Both Brian and Casie went on to say, "We are thankful to have had only a few adjustments to make prior to becoming verified, because that meant our hard work was paying off. Officially being MAEAP verified is an honor and it means that our farm will remain in the best state possible for our family and beyond; hopefully for another century."

MAEAP is a voluntary program that helps farms of all sizes, and all commodities voluntarily prevent or minimize agricultural pollution risks. This program is designed to reduce farmers' legal and environmental risks through education, farm-specific risk assessments, and on-farm verification to ensure the farm is following environmentally sound practices. The

assessment looks at four systems — Farmstead, Cropping, Livestock, and Forest, Wetlands and Habitat — each examine different aspects of the farm. After becoming MAEAP verified, a farm can display a MAEAP sign recognizing that the operation is environmentally assured. They also receive certain regulatory protections and preferred consideration for technical assistance and cost-sharing.

"It was great working with Brian and Casie. They were able to go through the process of becoming MAEAP verified quickly as they were already doing many conservation practices," states Andrea Wendt, SCD Agricultural Technician. "The farm is very organized and enjoyable to visit. I appreciate that they were more than willing to make changes to reduce their farm risk to the environment."

For more information about MAEAP and how you can become involved, contact the Shiawassee Conservation District.



*Brian and Casie Stiles, shown here with their daughter Juliette, own and operate Stiles Pumpkin Farm & Back Road Blossoms. They were MAEAP verified in 2022 in the Farmstead and Cropping Systems.*

# SPRING 2023 TREE SALE ORDER FORM

*Shiawassee Conservation District*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone-Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

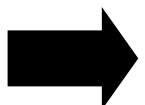
Office Use Only	
Order #	
Date Received	
Processor	

TRANSPLANTS		Size	Age*	5	10	25	50	100	QUANTITY	TOTAL	
CONIFERS	Balsam Fir	12-22"	P-2	\$20.00	\$37.50	\$87.50	\$162.50	\$290.00			
	Norway Spruce	15-24"	2-1	\$20.00	\$37.50	\$87.50	\$162.50	\$290.00			
	White Cedar	15-24"	2-2	\$20.00	\$37.50	\$87.50	\$162.50	\$290.00			
	White Pine	10-16"	2-2	\$20.00	\$37.50	\$87.50	\$162.50	\$290.00			
	White Spruce	8-14"	2-1	\$20.00	\$37.50	\$87.50	\$162.50	\$290.00			
BARE ROOT SEEDLINGS		Size	Age*	5	10	25	50	100	500	QUANTITY	TOTAL
CONIFERS	Norway Spruce	9-15"	2-0	\$6.50	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$300.00		
	Red Cedar	5-10"	1-0	\$6.50	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$80.00	—		
	Red Pine	6-14"	2-0	\$6.50	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$80.00	—		
	White Pine	6-14"	2-0	\$6.50	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$300.00		
	White Spruce	9-15"	2-0	\$6.50	\$12.50	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$300.00		
DECIDUOUS	Basswood	18-24"	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
	Pin Oak	12-18"	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
	Red Oak	12-18"	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
	Sugar Maple	12-18"	2-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
	Swamp White Oak	12-18"	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
	White Oak	12-18"	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
SHRUBS	Black Elderberry	12-18"	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
	Mapleleaf Viburnum	12-18"	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
	Nannyberry	12-18"	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
	Ninebark	12-18"	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
	Red Osier Dogwood	12-18"	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
	Winterberry	12-18	1-0	\$12.50	\$24.00	\$60.00	\$115.00	\$200.00	—		
SINGLE LARGE TREES		SIZE		EACH						QUANTITY	TOTAL
DECIDUOUS	Northern Catalpa	3-4'		\$12.00							
	Paper Birch	3-4'		\$12.00							
	Red Maple	3-4		\$12.00							
	Sycamore	3-4'		\$12.00							
	Tulip Poplar	3-4'		\$12.00							
*Age: 1st number: years grown in seedling bed										SUBTOTAL	

\*Age: **1st number:** years grown in seedling bed  
 P=1 year grown in plug container  
**2nd number:** years grown in transplant bed

**Please complete payment information on reverse**

**Order wildflower & food plot  
seed mixes on reverse!**



## Spring 2023 Tree Sale Order Form - Page 2

	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	COST EACH	QUANTITY	TOTAL
SEED MIXES	Switchgrass Blend	1 pound of seed in each package	\$24.00		
	Fall & Winter Food Plot Mix	5 pounds of seed in each package	\$16.00		
	Forage Pea & Bean Food Plot Mix	5 pounds of seed in each package	\$16.00		
	Game Bird Food Plot Mix	5 pounds of seed in each package	\$16.00		
	No-Till Deer Food Plot Mix	1 pound of seed in each package	\$16.00		
	Bird & Butterfly Wildflower Seed	1 ounce package, sows 125 square feet	\$5.00		
	Deer Resistant Wildflower Seed	1 ounce package, sows 250 square feet	\$5.00		
	Pollinator Wildflower Seed	1 ounce package, sows 200 square feet	\$5.00		
	Tree Flag	4x5" red flag on a 30" wire stake	\$0.30		
	2021 Plat Book	2021 Shiawassee County Plat Book	\$37.50		



Scan QR code for:

- » Tree/shrub descriptions
- » Food plot mixes
- » Wildflower mixes

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TOTAL BACK	
TOTAL FRONT	
SUBTOTAL (BACK + FRONT)	
6% TAX	
HANDLING FEE	\$3.00
DONATION	
GRAND TOTAL	

## SPRING 2023 TREE SALE - ORDERING & PAYMENT DETAILS

**Supplies are limited and orders will be filled as they are received. Order by March 31, 2023. Please call the District office for availability at (989) 723-8263 ext 3.**

Place your order by:

- **Phone.** Call the District office at (989) 723-8263 ext 3 to place your order with VISA/MasterCard.
- **Mail.** Call the District office for availability and send the completed order form with full payment to:  
Shiawassee Conservation District, 1900 S. Morrice Rd, Owosso MI 48867
- **In Person.** Order forms can be accepted at the District office.  
It is important to call ahead to ensure staff will be in the office to assist you.

Payment can be made by VISA/MasterCard, check, or cash

Order pick up:

Thursday, April 20 from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday, April 21 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PAYMENT TYPE		
<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK	<input type="checkbox"/> CREDIT CARD	<input type="checkbox"/> CASH
Check Number:		
CARD NO - Visa or MasterCard:		NAME AS IT APPEARS ON CARD:
EXP. DATE:	SECURITY CODE:	ZIP CODE:

**Please review the 2023 Spring Tree Sale Policy on page 5 of this newsletter or on the District webpage for important information.**



## 2023 Spring Tree Sale Policy

- The final date to order is March 31, 2023. There will be no refunds or cancellations after this date. There may be a \$25 service charge for any substitutions or cancellations made before March 31 by the customer. There will be no charge when only additions are made.
- Orders not picked up will not be refunded.
- The Shiawassee Conservation District reserves the right to cancel orders and refund payments due to reasons beyond their control. Substitutions made by the nurseries are beyond the District's control.
- Add orders carefully. Any errors \$10 and under will be considered a donation to the District's general fund.
- All returned checks will be subject to a \$35 fee.
- We do not guarantee survival. Our liability ceases when seedlings are picked up. It is unlawful for these trees, shrubs and other plants to be resold with the roots attached in accordance with the Insect Pest and Plant Disease Act. PA 189 of 1931 as amended.
- All plant material has been found to be in compliance with the National Plant Board standards of pest freedom. MDARD Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division, License/Certificate NCI000670.



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- » Tree/shrub descriptions
- » Food plot mixes
- » Wildflower mixes

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### **PICK UP YOUR ORDER**

Shiawassee County Fairgrounds  
Draft Horse Barn

Thursday, April 20, 9 AM - 7 PM

Friday, April 21, 9 AM - 4 PM

**Mark Your  
Calendar!**

## Planning Before Planting — What Tree Should You Plant?

You've made the decision to plant some trees on your property, but which varieties should you plant? Trees are not all created equal.

Different species of trees offer different benefits to you and wildlife, and in return they require different site conditions. Knowing a little about your property, and the trees you want to plant, can help you have a healthy tree to enjoy for years to come.

What things should you consider at a minimum when planning trees for your land?

First - look down. Soil is one of the most important things to consider when planting trees. Soil determines many things from how quickly water will drain after a storm to the nutrients available for your tree. Some tree species, like the Eastern red cedar, will grow just about anywhere, but others are pickier. Willows for example, can tolerate a lot of water, while others such as red pine prefers well-drained sandy soils.

Second – look up. Light is important to consider. How much sunlight vs. shade the tree will receive will make a huge difference in its health. Balsam fir for example, can tolerate shade. It can grow under a forest canopy with very little light and fill the gap when an old tree falls. Sycamore, on the other hand, needs a lot of light throughout its life and may not even survive if planted in the shade. It's very important to know how much light your tree requires vs how much light your site receives.

You should also consider how much space you have. Look side to side and up once again. Don't plant trees that will grow tall under wires, or trees that spread wide near structures.

Visit the District's webpage for links to the Web Soil Survey (WSS) and USDA PLANTS Database. The WSS is an online tool that can be used to find the soil information for your property. The PLANTS Database contains

information on hundreds of plants that can be searched by common or scientific name. The District website is [www.shiawasseeccd.org](http://www.shiawasseeccd.org).

Not interested in searching for the information yourself? Give the District a call at (989) 723-8263 ext. 3.

The Shiawassee Conservation District can help decide what trees would best suit your site conditions and your needs. A little time spent planning before planting will go a long way towards a successful planting.



*This landowner is helping to ensure the survival of their trees by installing tree protectors and mulch around each seedling. Among other benefits, this will help combat deer browse and weed pressure.*

Tree/Shrub Descriptions					further information at <a href="http://www.shiawasseeccd.org/tree-sale-information">www.shiawasseeccd.org/tree-sale-information</a>
	Variety	Height	Shade*	Site Conditions	Notes
Conifers	Balsam Fir ( <i>Abies balsamea</i> )	40-85'	●	Can grow in poorly-drained swamps to well-drained uplands.	Needles are persistent, aromatic, do not shed readily; common Christmas tree.
	Norway Spruce ( <i>Picea abies</i> )	50-85'	●	Prefers moist, fertile soils; does not thrive on dry or sand-gravelly soils.	Winter cover for wildlife; shallow root system in clay or poorly-drained soils.
	Red Cedar ( <i>Juniperus virginiana</i> )	30-50'	○	Well adapted for most soils; found in well drained, sandy, gravelly soils in open areas.	Excellent wildlife value, providing food, protective cover & nesting cover.
	Red Pine ( <i>Pinus resinosa</i> )	65-100'	○	Prefers well-drained, dry, very acidic, sandy soils of outwash plains & gravelly ridges.	Provides cover & food for deer, small mammals, & songbirds.
	Northern White Cedar ( <i>Thuja occidentalis</i> )	30-50'	●	Grows on wide variety of soils; common in cool, moist, nutrient-rich sites.	Foliage & twigs eaten by deer; fruit eaten by birds; good for screens & hedges.
	White Pine ( <i>Pinus strobus</i> )	65-100'	○	Adaptable to most soils; prefers well-drained, sandy soils.	Great for windbreaks; soft needles; a preferred deer-food.
	White Spruce ( <i>Picea glauca</i> )	50-85'	●	Able to establish on wet sites; can grow on moderately-moist soils.	Winter cover for wildlife; can grow on edges of swamps, rivers, lakes, etc.
Deciduous	Basswood ( <i>Tilia americana</i> )	60-80'	●	Occurs on rich, mesic sites such as lower slopes, river bottoms; well-drained soils.	Prolific nectar producer & is valued by honeybees.
	Northern Catalpa ( <i>Catalpa speciosa</i> )	30-50'	○	Grows on most mineral soils including dry upland soils.	Planted in urban areas; green seedpods are 10-24" long in summer & dark brown in fall.
	Paper Birch (Canoe) ( <i>Betula papyrifera</i> )	40-65'	○	Grows on a variety of soils, & best in well-drained acidic, sandy or silty loam.	Striking coloration; snowshoe hare & deer browse; food for birds & small mammals.
	Pin Oak ( <i>Quercus palustris</i> )	40-65'	○	Adapts to many sites, not to continuously wet sites ex. deciduous swamps..	Attractive landscaping tree; leaves are deep red in fall
	Red Maple ( <i>Acer rubrum</i> )	50-70'	●	Well adapted to most soil and site conditions.	Seeds provide food for wildlife; leaves brilliant red in fall; flowers early in spring.
	Red Oak ( <i>Quercus rubra</i> )	65-100'	○	Characteristic of mesic forests on moist, cool, well drained sites.	Provides cover, nesting sites, & food for variety of birds & mammals.
	Sugar Maple ( <i>Acer saccharum</i> )	60-100'	●	Prefers moist, well-drained soils; fertile soil to clay.	Beautiful fall colors; main source of maple syrup; a preferred food for deer.
	Swamp White Oak ( <i>Quercus bicolor</i> )	50-70'	○	Tolerant of poorly-drained soils; often in floodplains, swamps, & stream edges.	Acorns are eaten by squirrels, ducks, & other wildlife.
	Sycamore ( <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> )	60-100'	○	Moist soils, especially near rivers, flood-plains, etc; also open, moist upland sites.	Flood-tolerant; fast-growing; bark flakes off giving trunk interesting appearance.
	Tulip Poplar ( <i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> )	50-100'	○	Best on moderately moist, deep, well drained, loose textured soils.	In magnolia family; fragrant greenish-yellow, tulip-like flowers May-June.
Shrubs	White Oak ( <i>Quercus alba</i> )	60-85'	○	Found on many soil types; best on coarse, deep, moist, well drained soils.	Fairly drought resistant after established; food for wildlife; great ornamental tree.
	Black Elderberry ( <i>Sambucus canadensis</i> )	4-12'	●	Well drained, slightly acidic soils along streams; gray forest soils; muck soils.	Flowers in June-July; edible fruit September-October; berries are excellent wildlife food.
	Mapleleaf Viburnum ( <i>Viburnum acerifolium</i> )	4-6'	●	Best in well-drained, moist soils, with partial shading; however, tolerant of acidic soils, dry sites, & deep shade.	Attractive clusters of white flowers late spring to summer; birds eat the berry-like drupes; red, pink, or purple foliage in fall.
	Nannyberry ( <i>Viburnum lentago</i> )	13-22'	○	Grows on wide variety of soil conditions; characteristic of mesic and wet-mesic sites.	Creamy-white flowers early to mid May; red/blue fragrant edible berry.
	Ninebark ( <i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i> )	3-10'	○	Grows on wide variety of soil conditions; characteristic of stream banks, lake shores, open floodplains, & rocky areas.	White flowers in spring, excellent nectar source; red fruit in autumn, eaten by many species of birds.
	Redosier Dogwood ( <i>Cornus stolonifera</i> )	3-10'	○	Common in open, wet places such as lake shores, streambanks.	Showy red stems related to sun exposure, shade-grown plants have greenish stems.
	Winterberry ( <i>Ilex verticillata</i> )	5-15'	○	Low, moist, cool, basic or acidic habitats with high water tables.	Small greenish or yellowish-white flowers; red berries in fall/winter; wildlife food.

\*Shade Tolerance: ○ Shade Intolerant; ○ Moderately Shade Tolerant; ● Shade Tolerant; ● Very Shade Tolerant

Each species listed above is native to Michigan, except Norway Spruce

## CREP Can Help You Protect Your Land for Future Generations

Landowners want to leave a lasting legacy through their property. Land that provides quality habitat to wildlife, clean water and air that our communities rely on, and fun family memories is cherished. The connection between humans and the land is a strong one. Like Hugh Hammond Bennet, the Father of Soil Conservation once said, "Take care of the land, and the land will take care of you."

The Shiawassee Conservation District offers free and confidential conservation planning assistance. Conservation planning offers many benefits, including learning what conservation programs you may be eligible to participate in. One of these programs is the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). CREP is part of USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). It offers enhanced

financial incentives to landowners who agree to establish and maintain eligible conservation practices.

The primary goals of CREP are to protect water quality and enhance wildlife habitat. Other environmental benefits include preventing soil erosion, carbon sequestration, improved soil health, and increased wildlife diversity. The practices available through CREP include filter strips, field windbreaks, riparian buffers, wetland restorations, grassland plantings, and sediment control basins.

To be eligible for CREP, the land must be in one of the targeted watersheds. In Shiawassee County that watershed is the Saginaw Bay (Shiawassee River and Misteguay Creek areas). The land must also have a cropping history of four out of six years between 2012-2017.

Voluntary conservation is key to a sustainable environment and better communities. Everyone can play a part in protecting our natural resources. Even small changes can make a huge difference in water quality and wildlife habitat. Healthy environments mean increased crop production, better recreation opportunities, and cleaner water.

Michigan's CREP is a partnership effort between the Farm Service Agency, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and Conservation Districts. For more information on CREP contact the Shiawassee County Farm Service Agency at (989) 723-8263 x2 or the Shiawassee Conservation District.

**Protect Your Farm with an Emergency Plan.** A farm emergency plan contains emergency contact information as well as farm maps and information for handling chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, fuel, and manure stored on the farm. First responders and firefighters use the plan to quickly decide how to handle farmstead hazards, such as fires or chemical spills. Emergency planning protects your family, farm and our environment.

The Shiawassee Conservation District can help you develop a customized farm emergency plan and confidential risk assessment. Contact the District for more information.

## Agricultural Incentives for Landowners in the Looking Glass River Watershed

We are entering the third year of the Looking Glass River Watershed Project. In 2020, the Shiawassee Conservation District was awarded a Nonpoint Source Pollution Control grant through Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to address nonpoint sources of pollution in the Looking Glass River Watershed. Nonpoint source pollution is pollution resulting from many different sources, such as runoff from roads, lawns, cropland, and livestock lots.

The Shiawassee Conservation District is using this grant to assist agricultural producers in the Looking Glass River Watershed to improve water quality.

**Conservation planning and financial assistance is available to those in the watershed to adopt cover crops, no-till, filter strips, and nutrient management.** Within the first two years of the grant, we have successfully helped 8 producers enroll in the program, totaling 1,395 acres.

There is still an opportunity to enroll in this program to protect your land and Michigan's water. "If trying out one of these practices sounds interesting, then this program might be a great first step for you," says SCD's Colleen Gleason, "Because this is a Conservation District grant, you can enter into a contract at anytime and I am here to help answer any questions or concerns along the way.

If you are an agricultural producer and any of the above practices sound appealing, call the office today." By working with landowners on a voluntary basis and educating them about how conservation works to care for natural resources, we can make a difference in improving our rivers.

This project has been funded by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy under the Clean Michigan Initiative Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Fund and Section 319 of the federal Clean Water Act. For more information on the Looking Glass River Watershed or the voluntary programs available through this project, contact the Shiawassee Conservation District.



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## **2023 SPRING TREE SALE INFORMATION INSIDE!**

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MICHIGAN'S NATURAL RESOURCES.  
NO RESOURCE IS TOO SMALL  
OR TOO LARGE.**

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