



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!

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):

- Purchases unique natural areas to become public nature preserves
- Purchases conservation easements where the landowner retains ownership, but development is restricted.
- Both farmland and natural area are eligible.
- Application available online or in-person

NAPP aims to preserve lands which:

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

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

Legacy Land Conservancy

- Non-profit private land trust serving Washtenaw, Jackson, and Lenawee Counties.
- Accepts donations of unique natural areas to become nature preserves.
- Purchases conservation easements on private property where the landowner retains ownership, but development is restricted.
- Both farmland and natural areas are eligible.
- If interested in donating all or a portion of the conservation easement, that is Legacy's specialty!
- No application, contact staff.

legacylandconservancy.org/

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