

Do you...

Like the outdoors, native plants, and wildlife?

Have a passion for habitat restoration?

Enjoy sharing what you learn with others?



Become a Conservation Steward!

Conservation Stewards help protect and restore our state's diverse ecosystems and natural communities. They work with naturalists, biologists, and land managers to restore spring ephemerals, bring back rare grasslands, and protect frog habitat. This program will help adults gain the knowledge and skills needed to contribute to land and water stewardship and educational efforts in their local area. They also create their own conservation networks by interacting with fellow participants and staff of local conservation organizations.

Classroom and online sessions deliver the foundations of conservation, and local field experiences guide learners through forestland, grassland, wetland, Great lake, inland lake, and stream environments. Conservation Stewards work on capstone projects with other students to help them apply what they learn to real-world conservation needs in their communities.

The Conservation Stewards Program is administered by Michigan State University Extension and planned and delivered in partnership with local conservation networks.

Course Themes

- Foundations of Conservation: Heritage, Ecology & Society and Conservation
- Terrestrial, Wetland, and Aquatic Ecosystems
- Natural Communities of Michigan

Course Offering

Offered every other year in various regions in Michigan. Course location is dependent on support from local conservation organizations.

Course Instructors

Professional-level instruction is provided by Michigan State Extension, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, and local experts.



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Oceana County Conservation Stewards Program



The Michigan Conservation Stewards Program is a unique 8-week opportunity to learn about Oceana County's natural communities from local experts and people committed to conservation. This program includes field trips, online material, and indoor classes held in unique places throughout Oceana County. Participants also put their learning into action by working on a capstone project directly with local conservation groups. Become part of a social network that will empower you to make on-the-ground change in your local community. Evening classes will be held on Monday nights from 6 - 8:30 pm.

For more information contact:

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CSP Oceana County Class Schedule

Week 1	September 8	Foundations of Conservation
Week 2	September 15	Society, Heritage, and Conservation
Week 3	September 22	Great Lakes
Field Trip #1	September 27 (Saturday)	Open Dunes and Interdunal Wetlands
Week 4	September 29	Streams
Week 5	October 6	Wetlands
Field Trip #2	October 11 (Saturday)	Ag and Conservation
Week 6	October 13	Forests
Week 7	October 20	Grasslands
BREAK	October 27	NO CLASSES
Week 8	November 3	Capstone Project Celebration

**Registration opens
in June**

Cost: \$250

**Scholarships
Available!**

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opportunity for participation in all
programs. Accommodations for
persons with disabilities may be
requested by contacting Shelby
Warner by August 17th at
517-884-7076.**