

# Register now for the VIRTUAL MICHIGAN CONSERVATION STEWARDS PROGRAM

September 8—November 10, 2021

## Program Overview

### SUBJECTS

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

### PROGRAM COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ **2-hour live Zoom sessions/week** (1 hour of state-level instruction + 1 hour of conservation, restoration and mitigation led by local planning partners/experts)
- ◆ **1 hour of online course content/topic**
- ◆ **3 self-guided field assignments**
- ◆ Capstone project (with guidance from local planners)

### ENROLLING for FOUR LOCAL AREAS:

- ◆ **St. Clair County**
- ◆ **Oakland County**
- ◆ **Washtenaw County**
- ◆ **Capital Area** (Ingham, Clinton, Eaton Counties)

### COURSE FEE

Early Bird Registration: **\$75** (deadline August 18)

Regular Registration: **\$95** (Aug. 19 — Sept 1)

(Financial assistance is available)

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## JOIN ONE OF THE LOCAL AREA COHORTS NEAR YOU

Conservation Stewards help protect and restore Michigan's natural areas and ecosystems. They teach others about ecosystems and natural communities, help remove invasive species, build trails, collect data used in making management decisions, and work with naturalists, biologists, and land managers to preserve public land. The Conservation Stewards Program will help you gain the skills to lead or contribute to land stewardship efforts in your local area. Upon completion of specified program requirements, the option to become an MSU Extension Conservation Stewards Volunteer is available after the program concludes.

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

### PROGRAM DETAILS

The Conservation Stewards Program is a 10-week course consisting of virtual classes on Wednesday evenings. Participants will be offered self-guided field sessions with direction from local partners. Additional coursework is completed online.

For specific dates, times, and contact information, visit: [canr.msu.edu/csp](https://canr.msu.edu/csp)



The mission of the Conservation Stewards Program (CSP) is to deliver high quality, locally- based training opportunities to develop informed individuals who will practice community-based volunteer conservation management activities.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Bindu Bhakta at [bhaktabi@msu.edu](mailto:bhaktabi@msu.edu) by August 31, 2021. Requests received after this date will be honored whenever possible. MSU is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Michigan State University Extension programs and materials are open to all without regard to race, national origin, gender, gender identity, religion, age, height, weight, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital status, family status, or veteran status.