



October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Dear Landowner,

We invite you to attend a series of "Partnering for Watershed Restoration of Lake Superior" forums in 2018 for the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan (UP). These presentations and workshops will offer an in-depth look at on-the-ground restoration, land management, and wildlife improvement activities and options for forests and wetlands. Your attendance at one or more of these workshops will give you an excellent opportunity to learn about financial assistance options and connect with technical services provided by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) offices and staff members. Whether you seek to manage your private land for timber, wildlife, recreation or all of the above, this workshop can lead you to the resources to help make that happen.

These workshops will explain how implementing a resource management plan can: enhance habitat for birds such as the golden-winged warbler, woodcock and ruffed grouse, improve habitat for black bear and white-tailed deer, encourage populations of bees, monarch butterflies and other pollinators, improve conditions for popular fish species such as brook trout, provide enrichment ideas for recreation and assist with reducing wildfire threats to your forest.

**The featured speakers for these presentations will include:**

**Allison George**, District Conservationist for Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon Counties

**Tom Berndt**, District Conservationist for Iron, Dickinson, and Gogebic Counties

**Gary Willis**, Service Forester Michigan Department of Natural Resources

**Pam Nankervis**, Ottawa National Forest Wildlife Biologist

**Ian Shackelford**, Botanist, Ottawa National Forest

**Linda Lindberg**, Forestry Assistance Program Forester

**Winona Grieshop**, Forestry Assistance Program Forester

**Jennifer Ricker**, District Manager Iron Baraga Conservation District, Western Peninsula Invasive Species Coalition

This first forum will meet **5-7 PM CST, Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the Windsor Center Auditorium, 612 West Adams Street (US 2) Iron River, Michigan 49935. Come early (4:30 – 5 PM Central Time)** to meet with resource professionals to discuss management of your forest and wildlife resources.

This second forum will meet **5-7 PM EST Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, at the Alberta Ford Center, 21235 Alberta Ave #2, L'Anse, Michigan 49946. Come early (4:30 – 5 PM Eastern Time)** to meet with resource professionals to discuss management of your forest and wildlife resources.

This third and final forum will meet **5-7 PM EST, Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Ewen-Trout Creek School, 14312 Ewen Airport Road, Ewen, Michigan 49925. Come early (4:30 – 5 PM Eastern Time)** to meet with resource professionals to discuss management of your forest and wildlife resources.

This forum is another interagency effort that includes the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, US Forest Service, Conservation Districts and the Natural Resource Conservation Service. We strive to inform private landowners about funding sources to develop resource management plans and assist with implementing practices to improve forest health and wildlife habitat on their land.

**Concerns Addressed During These Workshops Include:**

Water Quality & Aquatic Habitat  
Forest Health & Wildfire Risk  
Invasive Species, Diseases & Insects  
Wildlife Habitat Improvement

**Landowner Assistance Programs Available Include:**

Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP)  
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)  
Qualified Forest Property Program (QFP)  
Foresters for Fish

## Who Is Available to Help?

- More than 150 professional foresters and 20 wildlife biologists develop Forest Stewardship Plans in Michigan. Some of our local professionals will be attending or contact your Conservation District FAP Forester for more contact information.
- For information about Forest Stewardship Plans or the Commercial Forest Program, contact Gary Willis, DNR Service Forester, 427 US 41 North, Baraga, MI, 49908, (906) 353-6651 x 122 or [willisg2@michigan.gov](mailto:willisg2@michigan.gov).
- For information about the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Contact: Allison George, District Conservationist for Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, and Ontonagon Counties 16403 Ojibwa Industrial Park Road, Baraga, MI 49908, (906) 353-8225 x 101 or [allison.george@mi.usda.gov](mailto:allison.george@mi.usda.gov)
- For information about the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Contact: Tom Berndt, District Conservationist for Iron, Dickinson, and Gogebic Counties 420 N. Hooper Street, Kingsford, MI 49802, (906) 774-1550 x 108 or [thomas.berndt@mi.usda.gov](mailto:thomas.berndt@mi.usda.gov)
- The forester at the Iron-Baraga Conservation District provides free site visits to your property to discuss habitat, forest management and assistance programs. Contact: Linda Lindberg at (906) 875-3765 or [fap.iron.baraga@macd.org](mailto:fap.iron.baraga@macd.org).
- The forester at the Gogebic Conservation District serves Gogebic and Ontonagon County and provides free site visits to your property to discuss habitat, forest management and assistance programs. Contact: Winona Grieshop at (906) 663-4512 or [winona.grieshop@macd.org](mailto:winona.grieshop@macd.org).
- Both Linda Lindberg and Winona Grieshop provide assistance to Houghton and Keweenaw County landowners as needed.

For more information about the workshops or directions to the workshop locations Contact: Jennifer Ricker, Iron Baraga Conservation District Manager at (906) 875-3765 or [ironbaragacd@gmail.com](mailto:ironbaragacd@gmail.com)

Sincerely,



Jennifer Ricker  
Iron Baraga Conservation District

"If you need an accommodation to participate in this event, please contact Allison George at 906.353.8225 ext 101 or by email at [allison.george@mi.usda.gov](mailto:allison.george@mi.usda.gov) two weeks before the forum of your choice.

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