

# Non-Governmental Organizations that Provide Wetland Services



The organizations listed below are located across Michigan and provide a range of services for landowners. Typically, conservancies provide information regarding permanent protection options such as donation or conservation easements and offer field trips on their preserves. Organizations such as watershed councils may provide a range of services, including wetland delineation, design of wetland restoration projects, and information on wetland regulations. Other organizations listed here provide educational and volunteer opportunities for landowners and concerned citizens. Many organizations provide a combination of these services. If you want information regarding wetland protection on your property, or would like to get involved in community wetland protection efforts, please call the organization below that services your area.

## **Bear Creek Watershed Council**

P.O. Box 357  
Bear Lake, MI 49614  
(616) 864-3228

The Bear Creek Watershed Council works to correct streambank erosion problems. The Council is also collecting information and mapping wetland areas within the Manistee County. They comment on state and federal dredge and fill applications.

## **Chippewa Watershed Conservancy**

P.O. Box 896  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804-0896  
PH: (517) 644-5045  
FX: (517) 774-6456

The mission of the Chippewa Watershed Conservancy is to protect the natural habitat within the watershed of the Chippewa River which encompasses Isabella, Midland, Mecosta, Clare, Montcalm, and Gratiot Counties. The Conservancy also works with the county park system to help them acquire land.

## **Citizens Against Pollution, Inc.**

16311 Pine Street  
Presque Isle, MI 49777-8652  
(517) 595-6526

Citizens Against Pollution (CAP) was formed in 1990 to object to the siting of a pulp and paper mill in a predominantly wetland area of eastern Presque

Isle County, along the Lake Huron shore. CAP is actively trying to get state acquisition of the area, with several inland lakes and miles of Lake Huron shoreline, as an addition to the state park.

## **Citizens for Alternatives to Chemical Contamination (CACC)**

8735 Maple Grove Road  
Lake, MI 48632-9511  
PH: (517) 544-3318  
FX: (517) 544-3318

CACC primarily serves as a clearinghouse between citizens and wetland protection resources. In addition, they have information on pending state and federal legislation.

## **Citizens for Environmental Protection**

c/o M. Clark  
27427 M-60 West  
Cassopolis, MI 49031  
PH: (616) 445-8769  
FX: (616) 445-8987

Citizens for Environmental Protection works with other area groups to support specific legislative actions. The group sponsors conferences and workshops to bring information about wetlands to the general public.

## **Clean Water Action**

4990 Northwind Drive, Suite 210  
East Lansing, MI 48923  
PH: (517) 337-4447  
FX: (517) 337-2833

Clean Water Action (CWA) assists citizens' comments on dredge and fill applications and provides information on wetlands and water quality regulations (and pending legislation) at the state and federal level. CWA works to build coalitions and develop strategies for particular issues, provides assistance to citizens in preparing comments on legislation, and obtaining information from state and federal agencies, legislators, or other centralized sources.

**Clinton River Watershed Council**

1970 E. Auburn Road  
 Rochester Hills, MI 48307-4803  
 PH: (810) 853-9580  
 FX: (810) 853-0486

The Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) has provided assistance to local governments on wetland protection for decades. The Council conducts river corridor inventories in cooperation with local governments to identify appropriate local government action and has an "Adopt-A-Stream" program which includes associated wetlands. CRWC works with citizens and landowners to help solve environmental problems and developing strategies to meet environmental goals.

**Concerned Citizens For West Bloomfield**

5572 Stanhope Avenue  
 West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
 (810) 788-7145

Concerned Citizens for West Bloomfield was instrumental in getting a local wetland ordinance established. They have also been active in land acquisition in West Bloomfield Township. They regularly monitor the township wetland review board and also get involved with state and federal wetland issues.

**DeGraaf Nature Center**

600 Graffschap Road  
 Holland, MI 49423  
 (616) 355-1057

DeGraaf Nature Center is an Outdoor Classroom. The Center sponsors programs of an environmental nature and provides a meeting place for those interested in preserving the environment.

**Detroit Audubon Society**

1320 N. Campbell Road  
 Royal Oak, MI 48067-1555  
 PH: (810) 545-2929  
 FX: (810) 545-2860

Detroit Audubon Society (DAS) routinely comments on dredge and fill applications and assists citizens with their comments. DAS holds conservation easements, accepts donated properties statewide, and is assisting in developing a local land trust. DAS will also assist in site documentation, especially wildlife species.

**Ducks Unlimited, Inc.**

Great Lakes/Atlantic Region Office (GLARO)  
 331 Metty Drive, Suite 4  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
 PH: (734) 623-2000  
 FX: (734) 623-2035

Ducks Unlimited, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to conserving wetland habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife. Its mission is to fulfill the annual life cycle needs of North American waterfowl by protecting, enhancing, restoring, and managing important wetlands and associated uplands. GLARO's staff biologists and engineers work with landowners and cooperate with other organizations and agencies to implement Ducks Unlimited's wetland restoration programs.

**East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC)**

21220 W. 14 Mile Road  
 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48301-4000  
 PH: (810) 258-5188  
 FX: (810) 258-5189

East Michigan Environmental Action Council assists citizens in work on local wetland issues. EMEAC also provides comment regarding pending local, state, and federal legislation.

**Fernwood (Bontanic Garden & Nature Preserve)**

13988 Range Line Road  
 Niles, MI 49120  
 PH: (616) 695-6491  
 FX: (616) 695-6688

Fernwood is a private, non-profit organization set on 105 acres of land that includes a 55-acre nature preserve. It promotes education, conservation, and appreciation of the natural world. Fernwood's location on the St. Joseph River and its proximity to Lake Michigan and Mud Lake Bog makes it an ideal setting for wetlands education.

**Friends of Rose Township**

9601 Fish Lake Road  
 Holly, MI 48442  
 (810) 634-7668

The Friends of Rose Township (FRT) comments on dredge and fill applications and assists citizens with their comments. The FRT also provides information about habitat preservation, grassroots wetlands protection initiatives, and educational materials.

**Friends of the Crystal River**

P.O. Box 434  
Northport, MI 49670  
(616) 334-4708

Friends of the Crystal River has focused the majority of their work on wetlands of the Crystal River watershed. They have been involved in the contested case hearing process, circuit court litigation, and EPA oversight of MDEQ permitting actions.

**Friends of the Rouge**

22586 Ann Arbor Trail  
Dearborn, MI 48127  
PH: (313) 792-9900  
FX: (313) 792-9628

Friends of the Rouge (FOR) focus their efforts on the Rouge River watershed. FOR works with local governments and provides basic information on wetland protection to landowners.

**Galien River Watershed Council**

P.O. Box 345  
New Buffalo, MI 49117

The Galien River Watershed Council's (GRWC) educational programs focus on the identification and appreciation of wetlands and other natural resources in the area. GRWC also has a program to protect wetlands and floodplains through conservation easements, and will assist in developing local wetland protection ordinances.

**Grand River Preservation Coalition**

4642 Abrigador Trail, N.E.  
Comstock Park, MI 49321  
PH: (616) 784-6859  
FX: (616) 784-4988

GRPC routinely comments on dredge and fill applications and assists citizens with their comments. GRPC also assists citizens and landowners with gathering information on local wetland issues throughout the Grand River watershed.

**Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Initiative**

1102 S. Cass Street, Suite B  
Traverse City, MI 49684-3236  
PH: (616) 935-1514  
FX: (616) 922-4633

The Grand Traverse Bay Watershed Initiative is a long-term watershed management program based on local partnership agreements. The Initiative refers landowners to partner organizations that have wetland expertise.

**Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy**

624 Third Street  
Traverse City, MI 49684  
PH: (616) 929-7911  
FX: (616) 929-0433

The mission of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy is to protect significant natural, agricultural and scenic areas and advance land stewardship in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse and Kalkaska counties - now and for future generations. They publish three issues yearly of the newsletter *Landscript*. GTRLC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

**Grass River Natural Area, Inc.**

P.O. Box 231  
Bellaire, MI 49615  
(616) 533-8314

Grass River Natural Area, Inc. promotes the preservation, appreciation, and enjoyment of the environment in Antrim County and fosters an understanding of the interrelationships of natural resources through education, scientific research, and passive recreation. The Natural Area gives numerous field trips and events as part of spring and summer educational programs and also provides field trips upon request.

**The Great Lakes Bioregional Land Conservancy**

4107 Columbiaville Rd.  
Columbiaville, MI 48421  
(810) 793-2511

The mission of The Great Lakes Bioregional Land Conservancy is to: 1) Protect farmland and open space that contribute to a healthy and sustainable natural environment, and 2) support land stewardship centers as places where people can learn to live more in harmony with nature in Southeastern Michigan. Great Lakes Bioregional Land Conservancy accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

**Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy**

P.O. Box 12  
Grosse Ile, MI 48138  
PH: (313) 676-6657  
FX: (313) 671-1138

The mission of the Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy is to carry on a program of acquisition, maintenance, and protection of Grosse Ile's natural resources and to engage in a program of education regarding those resources. The Conservancy publishes quarterly The Newsletter of the Grosse Ile Nature and Land Conservancy.

GIN&LC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

### **Headwaters Environmental Station**

HCR 1 Box 98A, Keweenaw Bioregion  
Toivola, MI 49965  
(906) 288-3000

Headwaters Environmental Station is a non-profit educational facility. The 160-acre Field Station is located at the headwaters of the Elm and Little Elm Rivers. Headwaters' programs focus on the importance of watersheds and a bioregional view.

### **Headwaters Land Conservancy**

P.O. Box 457  
Gaylord, MI 49735  
PH: (517) 732-3551 or 826-5714  
FX: (517) 732-5578

The mission of the Headwaters Land Conservancy is to use a participatory approach to securing and sustaining the quality of life enjoyed by present and future residents of northeast lower Michigan covering Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Roscommon Counties. The Conservancy seeks to foster an open-space philosophy and preserve ecologically sensitive areas, scenic landscapes, and historic features - together with associated natural resources, archaeological legacy, and recreational opportunity. HLC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

### **Huron River Watershed Council**

1100 North Main Street, Suite 210  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-1059  
PH: (734) 769-5123  
FX: (734) 998-0163

The Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC) routinely comments on dredge and fill applications and assists citizens with their comments. HRWC's "Adopt-A-Waterway" program encourages and trains citizens to assess watershed land use patterns, develop wetland protection workplans, implement those workplans, and monitor wetland plant and animal populations. HRWC also has a program to protect wetlands and floodplains through conservation easements, and will assist in developing local wetland protection ordinances.

### **Independence Land Conservancy**

P.O. Box 285  
Clarkston, MI 48347  
PH: (810) 625-8193  
FX: (810) 625-9170

The mission of the Independence Land Conservancy is to preserve for the general public the natural and historic resources of Independence Township, and adjacent communities. They publish annually Scenic Vistas. The Conservancy gives biannual field trips on its three 30-acre preserves. ILC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

### **Indian Springs Metropark Nature Center**

5200 Indian Trail  
White Lake, MI 48386  
PH: (810) 625-7280  
FX: (810) 625-6639

The Indian Springs Nature Center provides wetland programs and exhibits that are generally centered around the Huron Swamp, which is located in the park. These wetlands are the headwaters of the Huron River and home to many wetland plants and animals. The Nature Center's programs often discuss the importance of such areas for biodiversity and water quality.

### **Inland Seas Education Association**

P.O. Box 218  
Suttons Bay, MI 49682  
PH: (616) 271-3077  
FX: (616) 271-3088

Inland Seas Education Association (ISEA) works to build stewardship for the Great Lakes through citizen education. Coastal wetlands education is an important part of ISEA's work.

### **Kalamazoo Nature Center**

7000 N. Westnedge Avenue  
Kalamazoo, MI 49004  
PH: (616) 381-1574  
FX: (616) 381-2557

The Kalamazoo Nature Center is an educational facility that sponsors programs and activities on a wide range of environmental topics. Staff assist citizens with wetland-related questions, conduct workshops and seminars, and school-age programs. Many wetland related informational resources are available for use by citizens and landowners.

### **Lake Erie Advisory Committee**

47 East Elm  
Monroe, MI 48161  
PH: (313) 242-0909  
FX: (313) 457-2005

The Lake Erie Advisory Committee acts as a liaison between local conservation groups on matters relating to preservation and protection of the Erie

marshes. The Lake Erie Advisory Committee is associated with the Lake Erie Clean-Up Committee, Inc., that encourages citizen involvement in the protection of natural resources.

#### **Lake Michigan Federation**

161 Muskegon Mall, Suite 502  
Muskegon, MI 49440  
PH: (616) 722-5116  
FX: (616) 722-4918

The Lake Michigan Federation (LMF) routinely comments on dredge and fill applications and assists citizens with their comments. LMF is currently coordinating a wetland and habitat assessment of the White Lake Watershed.

#### **Lake St. Clair Advisory Committee**

P.O. Box 272  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48046  
(810) 725-8827

The Lake St. Clair Advisory Committee is a conservation group dedicated to the preservation of the waters, wetlands, and wildlife of Lake St. Clair. The Committee participates in preparing the St. Clair River and Clinton River Remedial Action Plans.

#### **Land Conservancy of West Michigan (LCWM)**

1432 Wealthy S.E., Suite L-3  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
PH: (616) 451-9476  
FX: (616) 451-3054

The mission of LCWM is to preserve lands that are important for their values as habitat for native plants and animals, as centers for study, quiet recreation, and scenic beauty in Ottawa, Kent, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Oceana Counties, plus the northern half of Allegan County. They publish a quarterly membership newsletter and give four or more field trips annually. LCWM accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

#### **League of Women Voters of Michigan**

200 Museum Drive, Suite 202  
Lansing, MI 48933  
PH: (517) 484-5383  
FX: (517) 484-3086

The League of Women Voters mainly deals with legislation affecting wetlands, rather than individual wetland cases. Their Citizen Information Center provides legislative updates and reference referrals.

#### **Leelanau Conservancy**

P.O. Box 1007  
Leland, MI 49654  
PH: (616) 256-9665  
FX: (616) 256-9693

The mission of the Leelanau Conservancy is to preserve land, water, and historic resources of Leelanau County. The Conservancy publishes three issues per year of the Leelanau Conservancy. They conduct 20 field trips on their preserves annually. LC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria and offers free ecological evaluations of qualified wetland parcels.

#### **Les Cheneaux Foundation**

c/o 500 North Western Avenue, Suite 204  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
Cedarville, MI 49719  
PH: (708) 735-8764  
FX: (708) 735-8770

This mission of the Les Cheneaux Foundation is to preserve natural areas and open space in and near Les Cheneaux Islands. LCF accepts donations of land that meet their criteria.

#### **Liaison for Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation (LINC)**

P.O. Box 40  
Okemos, MI 48805  
(517) 349-4306

LINC is a civic improvement organization that supports the protection of natural resources and sound land use planning. They promote these concerns through community involvement, networking, and civic participation.

#### **Little Traverse Conservancy**

3264 Powell Road  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
PH: (616) 347-0991  
FX: (616) 347-5928

The mission of the Little Traverse Conservancy is to protect the natural diversity and beauty of northern Michigan encompassing Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Chippewa, and Mackinac counties by preserving significant land and scenic areas, and fostering appreciation and understanding of the environment. They publish quarterly the Update. The Conservancy gives numerous field trips and accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria. They also assist other groups to pre-acquire, handle negotiations, secure donations/bargain sales, and also assist with grant applications.

**Livingston Land Conservancy**

P.O. Box 1424  
 Brighton, MI 48116  
 PH: (810) 229-4141  
 FX: (810) 229-4143

The mission of the Livingston Land Conservancy (a committee of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy) is to preserve the rural character and natural heritage of Livingston County.

**Metro Beach Nature Center**

P.O. Box 46905  
 Mt. Clemens, MI 48046  
 PH: (810) 463-4332  
 FX: (810) 463-6630

The Metro Beach Nature Center consists of wetlands that are a part of the last coastal wetland area in Macomb County. The Center gives group appointments with wetland themes to school and scout groups, and it also conducts family programs.

**Michigan Association of Conservation Districts**

P.O. Box 539  
 Lake City, MI 49651  
 PH: (616) 839-3360  
 FX: (616) 839-3361

The Michigan Association of Conservation Districts is a nongovernmental, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization established in 1940 to represent and provide services to Michigan's 82 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. Many of the local districts have some form of wetland program, including review of dredge and fill permits, wetland restoration, educational workshops, and assistance in applying for permits.

**Michigan Audubon Society**

6011 W. St. Joseph  
 P.O. Box 80527  
 Lansing, MI 48908-0527  
 PH: (517) 886-9144  
 FX: (517) 886-9466

The mission of the Michigan Audubon Society is to promote the awareness, understanding, enjoyment, and stewardship of the environment and natural resources of the upper Great Lakes Region by educating the public, supporting ecological research, maintaining sanctuaries, and by taking part in appropriate advocacy to protect the environment, with an emphasis on birds and their habitats. The Society publishes biannually *The Jack-Pine Warbler* and *Michigan Birds and Natural History*. MAS accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

**Michigan Duck Hunters Association-Wayne**

31012 Windsor  
 Westland, MI 48185  
 (313) 421-6452

The Michigan Duck Hunters Association of Wayne County works for the protection and restoration of wetlands, with an emphasis on waterfowl habitat.

**Michigan Environmental Council**

119 Pere Marquette Drive, Suite 2-A  
 Lansing, MI 48933  
 PH: (517) 487-9539  
 FX: (517) 487-9541

The Michigan Environmental Council (MEC) distributes information to its member groups about proposed or pending legislation, including that concerning wetlands. MEC also suggests coordinated action in response to such proposals. Lansing MEC staff advocate for improved state and federal wetland regulations on behalf of their member groups.

**Michigan Lakes & Streams Associations, Inc.**

P.O. Box 249  
 Three Rivers, MI 49093  
 PH: (616) 273-8200  
 FX: (616) 273-2919

The Michigan Lake and Stream Associations, Inc. (ML&SA) serves as a communication link between hundreds of individual lake associations throughout Michigan. ML&SA advises citizens on understanding wetland regulations and on the best approaches to avoid or minimize wetland destruction.

**Michigan Nature Association**

7981 Beard Road, P.O. Box 102  
 Avoca, MI 48006  
 PH: (810) 324-2626  
 FX: (810) 324-2345

This mission of Michigan Nature Association is to a) carry on a program of natural history study and conservation education, and b) to acquire, maintain, and protect nature sanctuaries, natural areas, and plant preserves in the State of Michigan or areas adjacent thereto. They publish the *MNA Members Newsletter* five times a year. MNA accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

**Michigan Natural Areas Council**

c/o Matthaei Botanical Gardens  
 1800 N. Dixboro Road  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48105-9741  
 (734) 461-9390

The Michigan Natural Areas Council is made up of individual members statewide, including naturalists,

scientists, academics, etc. The Council's focus is to promote the protection of significant natural areas in Michigan and to provide information to the public.

#### **Michigan United Conservation Clubs**

2101 Wood Street  
P.O. Box 30235  
Lansing, MI 48909  
PH: (517) 371-1041  
FX: (517) 371-1505

The Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) routinely comments on dredge and fill applications and assists citizens with their comments. MUCC's Wetland Watch program provides local activists across the state with public notices and technical assistance free of charge. MUCC Lansing staff work to protect wetlands at the local, state, and federal levels. In addition, MUCC has over 450 affiliate organizations across the state, many of which also work on wetlands.

#### **Michigan Waterfowl Association**

c/o Steve Healy, President  
P.O. Box 163  
Marquette, MI 49855  
PH: (616) 228-7545  
FX: (906) 228-4834 Attn: Bob Dupras

Members of the Michigan Waterfowl Association attend and speak at public meetings concerning protection of wetland resources.

#### **Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation**

6425 S. Pennsylvania, Suite 9  
Lansing, MI 48911  
PH: (517) 882-3110  
FX: (517) 882-3687

The Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation provides citizens with design, technical, and funding assistance, supervision of fish and wildlife restorations, and community improvements. The Foundation sponsors an annual training seminar to teach people to recognize drained wetlands that can be restored or improved.

#### **Mid-Michigan Environmental Action Council (Mid-MEAC)**

P.O. Box 27555  
Lansing, MI 48909-7555  
PH: (517) 485-9001  
FX: (517) 485-9541

Mid-MEAC will provide guidance and information to landowners on water quality, wetland protection, and other environmental issues. The organization also promotes public awareness through events,

workshops, presentations, and their monthly newsletter, *Mid-MEAC Environmental News*.

#### **National Wildlife Federation**

Great Lakes Natural Resource Center  
506 East Liberty  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-2210  
PH: (313) 769-3351  
FX: (313) 769-1449

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF), founded in 1936, has 4 million supporters across the country. NWF's Great Lakes Natural Resource Center has information on the Section 404 program and other wetland educational materials available for landowners and citizens. NWF plays a critical role at the state, regional, and federal level to ensure that wetland protection regulations are fair and effective.

#### **Natural Areas Association**

P.O. Box 154  
Okemos, MI 48805-0154  
(517) 349-4306

The Natural Areas Association is a charitable trust which supports conservation of the natural environmental heritage through increased public awareness, education, and acquisition of public and private natural areas.

#### **Northern Michigan Environmental Action Council (NMEAC)**

P.O. Box 1166  
Traverse City, MI 49685-1166  
(616) 946-6931

NMEAC will assist citizens with commenting on dredge and fill applications and developing wetland protection strategies.

#### **North Woods Conservancy**

P.O. Box 124  
Calumet, MI 49913  
(906) 337-0782

The mission of the North Woods Conservancy is to protect and enhance native biological diversity and encourage low-impact living in western Upper Peninsula (primarily Houghton, Keweenaw, Baraga, and Marquette Counties). NWC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

#### **Oakland Land Conservancy**

798 W. Gunn Road  
Rochester, MI 48306  
PH: (810) 652-4903  
FX: (810) 652-4903

The mission of the Oakland Land Conservancy is to work toward the protection and preservation of natural areas throughout Oakland County. OLC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

#### **Old Mission Conservancy**

P.O. Box 88  
Old Mission, MI 49673  
PH: (616) 947-0597  
FX: (616) 947-1684

The mission of the Old Mission Conservancy is to work toward preservation of agricultural lands, scenic vistas, shoreline, and wetlands in Peninsula Township (Old Mission Peninsula). They function in conjunction with the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. OMC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

#### **Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.**

P.O. Box 212  
Baldwin, MI 49304  
(616) 745-7692

The Pere Marquette Watershed Council strives to protect the natural state of the Pere Marquette River system, to preserve and foster its great natural beauty, and to keep it free from all artificial and unnatural practices which may threaten its natural and free-flowing state. The Council gathers and disseminates information and works to educate the public concerning the Pere Marquette River system.

#### **Pheasants Forever, Inc.**

c/o Jim Goodheart  
Michigan Field Representative  
8401 Stoney Creek Ct.  
Davison, MI 48423  
(810) 658-2209

Pheasants Forever, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving, creating, and enhancing wildlife habitat. The Michigan chapters raise money and keep those funds locally to improve the land's carrying capacity for primarily the ring-necked pheasant, but also for other species that associate in these habitats. Pheasants Forever, Inc. assists landowners working to restore or enhance wetlands with advice, funding, seed sources, etc.

#### **Points Betsie to Sable Conservancy, Inc.**

P.O. Box 705  
Manistee, MI 49660  
PH: (616) 723-9911  
FX: (616) 723-9914

The mission of the Points. Betsie to Sable Conser-

vancy is to protect the natural features of Manistee, Mason, and Benzie Counties. PBSC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

#### **Potawatomi Land Trust**

P.O. Box 130122  
Ann Arbor, MI 48113-0122  
PH: (734) 426-3669  
FX: (734) 426-7089

The mission of Potawatomi Land Trust (PLT) is to Protect farmland, natural areas, and open space in Washtenaw County. They publish *The PLT Newsletter* three times a year. PLT accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

#### **Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Michigan Chapter**

913 W. Holmes, Suite 145  
Lansing, MI 48910  
PH: (517) 393-6022  
FX: (517) 393-1960

The mission of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, Michigan Chapter is to enhance America's communities and countrysides by converting thousands of miles of abandoned rail corridors, and connecting open space into a nationwide network of public trails. They publish *Trailblazer*, quarterly and *Trailblazing* in Michigan, periodically.

#### **Raisin Valley Land Trust**

P.O. Box 419  
Manchester, MI 48158  
(517) 456-4901, (313) 428-8108

The mission of the Raisin Valley Land Trust (RVLT) is to preserve natural, agricultural, and historical character of the upper River Raisin watershed which encompasses the Upper River Raisin watershed, S.W. Washtenaw, N.W. Lenawee, and S.E. Jackson counties. They publish quarterly the RVLT Newsletter. RVLT accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

#### **Saginaw Bay Advisory Council**

P.O. Box 643  
Bay City, MI 48707  
(517) 893-3782

The Saginaw Bay Advisory Council is made up of people from all around the Saginaw Bay area. The Council will provide consultation to landowners seeking wetland permits. Public Notices for dredge and fill applications are thoroughly reviewed and often commented upon by members.

**Saginaw Bay Visitor Center**

3582 State Park Drive  
 Bay City, MI 48706  
 PH: (517) 667-0717  
 FX: (517) 667-0742

Saginaw Bay Visitor Center, with adjacent Tobico Marsh, plays an important role in educating the younger generation. By ensuring that students understand the significance of wetlands and the roles they play within the ecosystem, the Center gives the youngsters a foundation for becoming respectful and conscientious adults.

**Partnership for Saginaw Bay Watershed**

Pioneer Annex 9A  
 Saginaw Valley State University  
 University Center, MI 48710  
 (517) 791-7367

The Partnership for Saginaw Bay Watershed provides educational materials on wetlands and water resources to interested citizens and local officials. The Council sponsors an "Adopt-A-Stream" program, school river monitoring, and workshops on local zoning ordinances to protect water resources.

**Sarett Nature Center**

2300 Benton Center Road  
 Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
 PH: (616) 927-4832  
 FX: (616) 927-2742

Sarett Nature Center is a living wetland lab with swamp forest, shrub carr, sedge meadow, marsh, ponds, and fen all along the Paw Paw River. The Center has five miles of trails and many boardwalks through the wetlands.

**Save Our Shorelines, Inc.**

2447 Lakeshore Drive  
 Muskegon, MI 49441  
 (616) 755-3215

Save Our Shorelines (SOS), Inc. monitors all requests to the Michigan DNR or Army Corps of Engineers to fill, excavate, or change wetland conditions.

**Scio Open Space Conservation Committee**

4500 W. Liberty Rd.  
 Ann Arbor, MI 48103

The mission of the Scio Open Space Conservation Committee (SOSCC) is to work to preserve valuable open spaces and natural features in Scio Township, now largely in conjunction with the Potawatomi Land Trust. SOSCC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

**Seven Ponds Nature Center**

3854 Crawford Road  
 Dryden, MI 48428  
 (810) 796-3200

Seven Ponds Nature Center is a 273-acre nature sanctuary and environmental education center. The property contains excellent examples of glacial lakes, marshes, streams, and ponds. The Center offers ecologically oriented programs to school groups and the general public. Many of these programs relate directly to wetlands.

**Sierra Club, Mackinac Chapter**

300 N. Washington Sq. #411  
 Lansing, MI 48933  
 PH: (517) 484-2372  
 FX: (517) 484-3108

The Sierra Club, Mackinac Chapter and its regional groups across Michigan can assist groups and individuals with communicating their concerns about wetlands policy to elected officials at all levels. The Sierra Club pursues litigation where necessary. The Mackinac Chapter does provide legislative alerts issued by the Great Lakes Program or the national office.

**Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS)**

North Central Chapter  
 P.O. Box 1122  
 Big Rapids, MI 49307  
 PH: (616) 796-4540  
 FX: (616) 796-4564

SWS has six objectives: 1) to provide an independent forum for interchange of ideas and data in wetland science, 2) to develop and encourage wetland science as a distinct discipline, 3) to encourage and evaluate the educational, scientific, and technological development of all branches of wetland science and practice, 4) to encourage the knowledgeable husbandry of wetland resources, 5) to encourage a fraternity of scientists based on shared knowledge, dedication, friendship, and mutual respect, and 6) to evolve an organizational credo or code of practice based on a shared ethic.

**Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy**

6410 St. Mary's  
 Detroit, MI 48228  
 (313) 582-8377

The mission of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservation (SMLC) is to protect parks, open space, and natural areas in the seven-county southeast Michigan region being Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Monroe, Livingston, and St.

Clair Counties. They publish one to three times a year the *SMLC Newsletter*. SMLC gives 4 field trips annually. SMLC protects wetlands by direct purchase and accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

### **Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy**

8135 Cox's Drive  
Suite 106  
Portage, MI 49002-5879  
PH: (616) 324-1600  
FX: (616) 324-9760

The mission of the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy (SWMLC) is to protect the natural beauty and diversity of southwest Michigan covering Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren Counties by preserving significant land and scenic areas, and fostering appreciation for and understanding of the environment. They publish the *Deeds* quarterly. SWMLC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

### **Superior Land Conservancy (SLC)**

8615 Cherry Hill Rd.  
Ypsilanti, MI 48198  
PH: (313) 482-5957  
FX: (313) 845-9778

SLC is a committee of the Southeast Michigan Land Conservancy. The mission of SLC is to help articulate, organize, and implement strategies for preserving agricultural and natural areas between the converging cities of Detroit, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. They publish the *SLC Update* twice yearly. In the spring, summer, and fall SLC offers field trips. SLC accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

### **The Nature Conservancy, Michigan Chapter**

2840 East Grand River Ave., Suite 5  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
PH: (517) 332-1741  
FX: (517) 332-8382

The mission of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Michigan Chapter is to preserve plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive throughout Michigan. They publish quarterly the *Michigan Conservancy*. The Conservancy gives 15 field trips annually. TNC accepts donations of land and purchase lands that meet their criteria. They provide assistance to other groups, including development of management plans, land management, and ecological expertise.

### **Thunder Bay River Watershed Council**

P.O. Box 751  
Alpena, MI 49707

The Thunder Bay River Watershed Council is a volunteer organization working to protect water resources in the Thunder Bay River watershed.

### **Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council**

P.O. Box 300  
Conway, MI 49722  
PH: (616) 347-1181  
FX: (616) 347-5928

Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (TOMWC) offers an "Adopt-A-Stream" program that includes associated wetlands, a "Wetland Stewardship" program, a planning and zoning program to promote wetland and water quality protection, and a wetland delineation service on private properties. Staff design wetland restoration, enhancement, and creation projects. TOMWC also publishes *Great Lakes Wetlands*, the *Citizens' Wetlands Report and Habitat News*, and coordinates the Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network and Fund.

### **Trout Unlimited**

6815 Clubhouse Drive W  
Stanwood, MI 49346  
(616) 972-2737

Trout Unlimited (TU) works to enhance, protect, and restore our cold water resources. This advocacy includes work for the protection of wetlands in conjunction with cold and cool water resources. TU works with landowners, various government agencies, other environmental groups, and the court system to provide this protection.

### **Upper Peninsula Env. Coalition (UPEC)**

P.O. Box 847  
Marquette, MI 49855  
PH: (906) 524-5441  
FX: (906) 524-5441

UPEC receives dredge and fill applications for the entire upper peninsula of Michigan and either provides comments or refers them to appropriate agencies and individuals. UPEC also helps to coordinate and develop action strategies for particular wetland protection issues.

### **Washtenaw Land Conservancy, Inc.**

c/o First Martin Corporation  
115 Depot Street  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
PH: (734) 994-5050  
FX: (734) 761-6151

The mission of the Washtenaw Land Conservancy, Inc. is to preserve land for public use. They publish and annual membership letter and accept donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.

#### **Water and Air Team for Charlevoix (WATCH)**

P.O. Box 615  
Charlevoix, MI 49720  
(616) 547-5530

WATCH routinely comments on dredge and fill applications and assists citizens with their comments as much as possible. WATCH's "Adopt-A-Stream" program can be expanded to include wetlands, and they are available to help in litigation or contested case hearings.

#### **West Bloomfield Land Conservancy**

7379 Edinborough Drive  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
PH: (810) 661-6162  
FX: (810) 661-6184

The West Bloomfield Land Conservancy has assisted in protecting two major park sites that have extensive wetland areas. The Conservancy does not currently hold any easements or deeds to land, although it could if certain criteria were met. Work to date has consisted primarily of education and advocacy.

#### **West Michigan Environmental Action Council (WMEAC)**

1432 Wealthy Street, S.E.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
PH: (616) 451-3051  
FX: (616) 451-3054

WMEAC routinely comments on dredge and fill applications and assists citizens with their comments whenever possible. WMEAC's "Adopt-A-Stream" program includes wetlands. WMEAC's wetland protection activities include publishing issue alerts and fact sheets, providing speakers, working with media, coalition building, strategic planning, and policy development.

#### **Wetlands Conservation Association**

P.O. Box 133  
Stevensville, MI 49127-0133  
(616) 429-1862

The Wetlands Conservation Association (WCA) routinely comments on dredge and fill applications and assists citizens with their comments. The Association is developing a conservation easement program and is actively pursuing wetland restoration

projects. WCA is also active in providing wetland protection advice to citizens.

#### **Wildlife Unlimited-Delta County**

6604 N Road  
Escanaba, MI 49829  
(906) 786-1354

Wildlife Unlimited of Delta County is a 500 member non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of wildlife habitat in the area of Delta County, Michigan. Attention is currently being directed toward the Ford River Delta, one of three extensive wetlands in the area.

#### **With the Grain**

P.O. Box 517  
Mattawan, MI 49071-0517  
(616) 624-1140

With the Grain is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating people about their effect on the environment and motivating them to make informed, responsible decisions. With the Grain evaluates the thinking behind individual, business, and municipal decisions, advocates long-term planning for natural resource preservation, and encourages individual self-empowerment.

#### **Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Inc.**

County Road 550, Box 99  
Marquette, MI 49855  
(906) 228-8485

The mission of the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Inc. is to acquire, hold, and preserve parcels of real property in the watershed and its tributaries through land trust deeds and conservation easements for the benefit of the general public. YDWP publishes a newsletters six times yearly and accepts donations of land and conservation easements that meet their criteria.