

Dickinson Conservation District Quarterly Newsletter

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DICKINSON CONSERVATION DISTRICT UPDATES



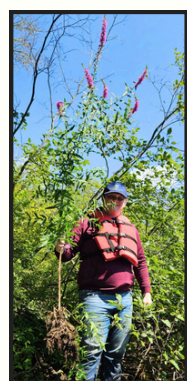
RRC technicians removed 3,000 lbs of invasive Garlic Mustard this spring!

Summer has come and gone. We were busy with site visits, surveying, monitoring, treatments and planning for the 2027 Spring Tree Sale. In fall, we are seeing less site visits and more conferences. Many of our staff will be in and out throughout the next few months with conferences, hunting seasons, and well deserved time with family during the holidays. The 2027 Spring Tree Sale will be announced soon! We will be sending the order forms and catalog in a future email.

Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition (WRISC) is now it's own 501(c)3 and changed its name to Roots & Rivers Collaborative. Their crew was out surveying and managing a variety of invasive species throughout their full service area this summer. Check out the partner spotlight for more on their new adventure.

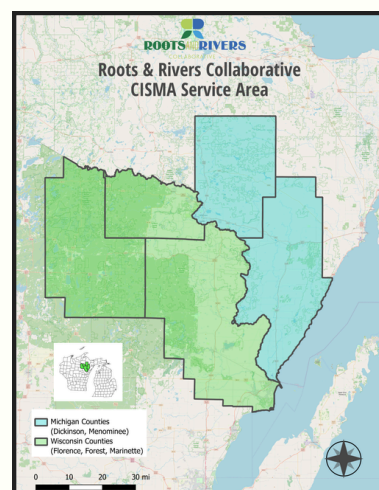
PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

The Roots & Rivers Collaborative (RRC), formerly WRISC, is a nonprofit Cooperative Invasives Species Management Area. RRC uniquely operates in both Upper Michigan (Dickinson, Menominee Counties) and Northeastern Wisconsin (Florence, Forest, and Marinette Counties). This service area is centralized around the Menominee River Watershed, which has been a core focus of the organizations mission and project work since WRISC's formation in 2009.



Tech Kabe holding Purple Loosestrife plant removed from the Michigamme River.

The mission of RRC is to protect and enhance the environment of the Western Upper Peninsula of Michigan and Northeastern Wisconsin through habitat conservation via invasive species management, restoration, education, and outreach; and to raise awareness of invasive species and educate the public about invasive species management and habitat conservation. At the heart of RRC is the belief that people are key to successful conservation. The nonprofit focuses on building partnerships and sharing knowledge to create empowered communities. This means offering training, resources, and support to landowners and invasive species managers of all kinds so they can take effective action.



Roots & Rivers Collaborative service area map.

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RRC offers the following conservation services:

- Invasive Species Management
- Habitat Restoration
- Native Plant Installations
- Aquatic & Terrestrial Monitoring
- Educational Presentations & Speaking Engagements
- Volunteer Opportunities

Support Healthy Habitats!

Scan below to donate to Roots & Rivers or visit:

www.roots-rivers.org/support





IMPORTANT DATES

The fall is our time for conferences, reporting, hunting, and holidays with family. Below is our one scheduled event, when all staff will be out, and when our office will be closed for federal holidays.

- **October 3rd Iron Mountain Farmers & Artisans Market**
 - Booth at the market from 8am-12pm.
- **October 12th - Indigenous Peoples' Day**
 - Office is closed for federal holiday
- **October 19th-22nd Michigan Association of Conservation Districts in Lansing, MI**
 - All DCD staff will be out of the office
- **November 11th - Veterans Day**
 - Office is closed for federal holiday
- **November 26th - Thanksgiving Day**
 - Office is closed for federal holiday
- **December 25th - Christmas Day**
 - Office is closed for federal holiday
- **January 1st - New Years Day**
 - Office is closed for federal holiday



MICHIGAN FORESTRY
Assistance Program

FORESTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP)

By Joshua Isaac, District Forester

I joined researchers and forest managers from across Western UP for an interactive workshop focused on key management challenges facing the region's northern hardwood forests. We learned about new research, shared perspectives on applied forest management, and built connections with local land managers and researchers.

Attendees for this event included forest researchers and managers from Michigan Technological University, Michigan DNR, U.S.

Forest Service, Northern Institute of Applied Climate Science, Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy, and foresters from Houghton/Keweenaw Conservation District, Marquette Conservation District, Alger Conservation District, and of course me from the Dickinson and Menominee District. We are working hard to try and help our forests be healthy and resilient!



Participants from the workshop looking at the forested area discussing management challenges.

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WAYS TO SUPPORT DICKINSON CONSERVATION DISTRICT

There are many different ways to support the Dickinson Conservation District. This can be done by attending programs, volunteering at events, purchasing items in our store and during our annual sales. We also accept donations. One way to make a donation is with our endowment fund with Dickinson Area Community Foundation. This was established in 2017. Many have donated to this in the last 9 years and we greatly appreciate all the contributions. This fund has helped us with getting supplies for education programs and supporting our staff as they provide the best conservation resources to our community. Please consider volunteering or donating to support our mission!



Thank you to Dickinson Area Community Foundation for the continuing support. You have provided so much to our community.

Thank you!

Use the QR code above to access our fund or use the link below.

<https://godonate.akoyago.com/DICKINSONAREACF/fund/dickinson-conservation-district>

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