

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 as well as educational efforts in their local area. Participants 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 students 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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