# **EMMET CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

3434 Harbor Petoskey Rd. Harbor Springs, MI 49740



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#### Staff:

Nancy Salar-Administrator

Cydney Steeb— Program Coordinator

Chris Anderson— Groundwater Technician

## **District Meetings**

The District meets the first Tuesday of the month at 9am in the Emmet County building located in the John R. Watson Resource Center 3434 M-119 in the lower level conference room. All meetings are open to the public.

# Annual Report Fiscal Year 2010

## Projects in 2010...

The District again received a mini-grant from the Arbor Day Foundation which allowed us to plant three trees at Emmet County schools. This year native red oaks were planted with the third grade class at Mackinaw City Elementary, the 9th grade class at Pellston High School and the third grade class at Alanson Littlefield Elementary. The District plans on planting two trees each year in other Emmet County communities in celebration of Arbor Day.



Mackinaw City 3rd Graders



Alanson Littlefield 3rd Graders



Pellston High School 9th Graders

#### TREE SALES 2010...

Thank you to all who helped support the District through the purchase of trees this past year. The trees sales are a major funding source for the District. We offer trees for sale twice a year; in the spring and again in the fall. The variety of trees, shrubs, bulbs and supplies offered continues to expand each year. This year one of the new products added was Plantskydd Repellant. It is an all natural deer, rabbit and rodent repellant as well as an organic fertilizer, available as a ready to use spray, powder concentrate, or granular mix. So far the comments received from customers have been positive. The product is rather smelly, but it works! You don't have to wait for the spring tree sale to purchase Plantskydd or many of our other products. Books, bluebird houses, deer repellant, tree tubes, bark protectors, trees planted signs, and more are available year round. Check out what is available at our website www.emmetcd.org or give our office a call 439-8996 or 439-8977.

#### Financial Report Fiscal Year 2010 Receipts and Disbursements as of Sept. 30, 2010

Income	
County Grant	2,375
Interest	190
Tree Sales	14,316
Donations	195
Other	1,845
Total Income	18,921
Expense	
District Operations	8,910
Tree Sales	9,580
Total Expense	18,490
Beginning Fund Balance	34,854
Ending Fund Balance	35,232

#### Other 2010 Projects....



## in the raingarden.....

A beautiful new sign was installed at the Raingarden site to provide information for the public and acknowledge organizations that contributed support for the project. The garden was in full bloom throughout the summer and a buzz with many native pollinators including beautiful Monarch butterflies. Master Gardener volunteers are continuing to maintain the garden and an educational workshop is planned for 2011.

#### Plastic Recycling...

The third landscape plastic pot recycling day was held June 19th at Polly's Planting and Plucking in Harbor Springs.



Cydney Steeb, from the Conservation District, coordinated her master gardeners who assisted Polly's employees and Emmet County DPW employees to collect another 9,000 pounds of plastic for recycling.

## Associate Directors Added to the Board of Directors

What are associate directors? Associate directors are Emmet County residents who have an interest in our mission as stewards of the environment to improve the quality of life for residents of Emmet County, by protecting and conserving our natural resources, promoting sound sustainable agriculture practices and providing educational opportunities for the community.

They are not voting members of the Board, but bring a wealth of expertise and possible differing points of view to the decision making process.

This year Steve Migda, retired Emmet County employee and Dirk Shorter, Mgr. Wycamp Lake Club having been serving in this capacity. Anyone interested in serving as an associate director is encouraged to contact the District at 439-8996.

Thank You to the
Following People for
Their Generous
Donations in Support of
the District in 2010

**Ruth Augustine Audrey Bauer Charles Bayless** Adam Brege **Eric Carlson Ken Casadonte** Terry Clayton Randy Cole **Trudy Day** John Day Joel Donaldson Michael Farkas Zelma Gottlieb Stephen Hume Christina Hussey Frank Jones Harry Lenick Geoffrey MacGlashan **Gerald Mallory** Susan Mallory James McLaughlin **Bob Rossman Jonathon Spalding** Lori Stafford **Babette Stenuis-Stolz** Dan Steffes Lucas Vanderzee

#### <u>Volunteer Recognition</u>

The District received many hours of volunteer labor this past year. It would have been impossible for us to accomplish our work without this volunteer assistance. We would like to thank them all for their help.

Pat Duffy
Dee Irwin
and the
Northern Michigan
Master Gardeners