

# EMMET CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Annual Report Fiscal Year 2012-2013

### *Dr. Russell LaBeau retires.....*

#### **Board of Directors:**

Marcus Kurburski  
*Chairman*

Dirk Shorter  
*Vice Chairman*

John Casto  
*Treasurer*

Jane Mooradian  
*Secretary*

Craig Rapin  
*Director*

Nancy Salar  
*Associate Director*

*Russ LaBeau*  
*Associate Director*

#### **Staff:**

Cydney Steeb  
*Administrator/Program  
Coordinator*

Chris Anderson  
*Groundwater Technician*

#### **District Meetings**

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

**Dr. Russell LaBeau** retired from the District Board of Directors at the May 1st board meeting. Dr. LaBeau served for 9 years. We will miss his leadership, commitment and contributions to the goals of the district.

**Craig Rapin**, owner of Bliss Farms stepped up and was appointed to fill Dr. LaBeau's position for the remainder of his term. Craig will be running for election at the October 9th annual meeting.

The Board will also be losing **Jane Mooradian** who has served as the Board Secretary for the past 4 years. The Board is presently seeking an interested qualified person to fill Jane's position.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact Cydney Steeb at the District office for more information 439-8977.

The District together with Little Traverse Conservancy received a \$5,000 grant from the Baiardi Family Foundation to assist Emmet County teachers incorporate local environmental education into their current curriculum.

Cydney Steeb and Melissa Hansen from LTC hope to make valuable resources available to any and all teachers interested in training and materials.

Lesson plans and materials are available to meet national education standards, but teachers just don't have the time to research this information. Cydney and Melissa plan to bring together all these programs and materials and make them easily available to local teachers.

Their first training will take place on November 6th at CharEm's profession development day.



The District was thrilled to have 6 farms verified in the **MAEAP** program. The Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) is an innovative, proactive program that helps farms of all sizes and all commodities voluntarily prevent or minimize agricultural pollution risks.

#### **Farms receiving verification include:**

- \* Linda Denton-Denton Farm in Petoskey
- \* Allison Loubert-Lake View Farm in Harbor Springs
- \* Carol Weston-Sunset Valley Vineyard in Alanson
- \* Dennis Lawrason-Lawrason Farm in Petoskey
- \* Jerry Perrone-Pleasantview Winery in Harbor Springs
- \* Craig Rapin-Bliss Farms in Cross Village.

**Financial Report  
Fiscal Year 2012-2013  
Receipts and Disbursements as of  
Sept. 30, 2013**

<b>Income</b>	
County Grant	3,000.00
Interest	187.64
Tree Sales	6,989.59
Donations & Grants	5,412.66
Master Naturalist & Workshops	1,730.00
Other	1,195.49
Total Income	18,515.38
<b>Expense</b>	
District Operations	1,3610.43
Tree Sales	4,068.11
Total Expense	17,678.54
Net Income	836.84
Beginning Fund Balance	31,442.00
Ending Fund Balance	32,670.38

The Conservation District donated trees to the following organizations in 2013:

- Little Traverse Conservancy for habitat restoration.
- Emmet County Fairgrounds for shade around the horse arena.
- Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council for habitat restoration
- Petoskey Montessori School for education



Steve Fouch was our presenter at our “**Backyard Fruit Tree Workshop**” at Dick Barker’s farm in April. Topics Steve covered included, selection of fruit varieties for our area, site preparation and growing for quality, tips on planting and tree nutrition, proper training and care of young trees, pruning of older trees, protection from deer and other critters, insect and disease control and finally proper harvesting and handling. Several people who attended this workshop last year returned with new questions they had come up after planting their fruit trees last year.

Our popular annual workshop “**Landscaping with Native Michigan Wildflowers**” brought Vern Stephens, owner of Designs by Nature back to Emmet County to share why it’s important to plant natives, site selection and preparation, installation and maintenance and benefits to wildlife and pollinators. Vern is a member of the Wildflower Association of Michigan and brought a wonderful variety on native wildflowers and grasses with him for sale. The Conservation District was able to sell the flowers to help cover the cost of the workshop that was made possible due to sponsorship by the Baiardi Family Foundation.



Thank You to the Following People for Their Generous Donations in Support of the District in 2013

*Benefactors*

Baiardi Family Foundation

*Patrons*

Pat Duffy  
Dee Irwin  
Russ LaBeau  
Cydney Steeb

*Donors*

Mike Tiedeck

*Friends*

Audry Bauer  
Joyce Cather  
Terry Clayton  
Roxanne Cook  
John Day  
Joel Donaldson  
Fran Gano  
Lawrence Goethals  
Stephen Hume  
Henry Lenick  
Susan Mallory  
Bob Rossman  
Patricia West

*Volunteer Recognition*

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,  
Terri Law, Ilene Bur,  
Jane Stone, John Masson,  
Lorraine Lund, and Nancy  
Zebko

And Master Gardeners from  
Emmet, Otsego & Kalkaska  
Counties

Special thanks to Dick Barker,  
Country Apple Farm for  
hosting our annual Fruit  
Tree Workshop at his farm  
each year.