

Calendar of Events

May 15 – Montmorency County – Twin Lakes Watershed Stewardship

What do ice shoves, waves, turf grass and foot traffic have in common? Each stresses shoreline ecosystems, and each can easily be remedied. Huron Pines is bringing together volunteers on the Twin Lakes to learn about natural ways to strengthen shorelines and enhance riparian habitats.

May 29 – Crawford County – Manistee River Monitoring

Simply by collecting and identifying the bugs that live in the water, volunteers have the ability to determine the water's quality, and will do so at several locations in the Manistee River watershed.

June 10 – Presque Isle County – Silver Creek

Major reconstruction of road/stream crossings on Silver Creek begins this summer to restore fish passage and reduce the sediment pollution coming from the roadway. Join Huron Pines staff and local volunteers to get in the water and monitor the condition of Silver Creek.

June 26 – Otsego County – North Branch Ford Fix-Up

The Ford, on the North Branch Au Sable, was once a serious source of sediment to a river already dealing with too much sand. Closed in 2001, the Ford is ready for the next phase of stream restoration.

July 9 – Cheboygan County – Pigeon River Habitat Initiative

Private lands surrounding the Pigeon River Country State Forest are areas that serve as corridors for wildlife and provide quality habitat. Help us broaden these corridors through plantings for wildlife, creating nesting habitat, and forest opening enhancements.

July 24 – Oscoda County – Van Luven Rd Erosion Site

In 2008, the Claybanks erosion site was targeted for stabilization on the Mio stretch of the Au Sable river, known locally as the "big water." Now a similar erosion site just upstream is in need of fixing.

August 2 – Roscommon County – South Branch Au Sable Large Woody Debris Enhancement

Join us on the South Branch Au Sable as we install large woody debris (LWD) in a river system that was once packed with instream habitat that provides habitat for fish, diversifies flow, and protects streambanks.

August 21 – Alcona County – PRVEL Restoration Successes

Don't be afraid to get your hands dirty and your feet wet by joining us for the Pine River-Van Etten Lake Partnership Day. Learn more about resource projects taking place in Alcona County and jump in on a hands-on conservation project.

September 3 – Ogemaw County – Wildlife Habitat Enhancement

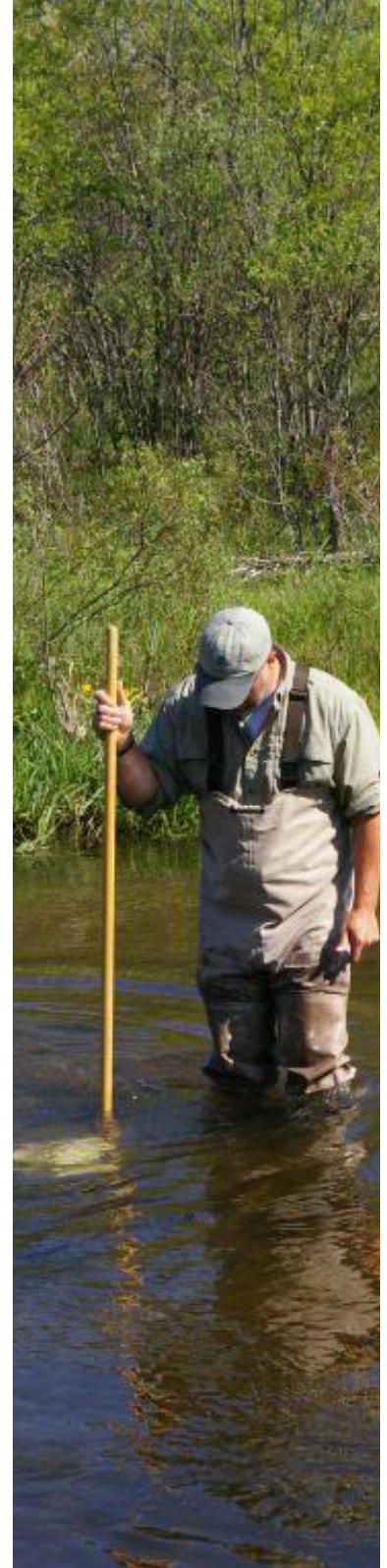
By identifying key habitat components such as food, space, shelter, and water, you can begin to understand the balance of each feature and how it affects wildlife. Find out how to manage that balance and become the steward of the wildlife on your property.

September 15 – Iosco County – Invasive Species Treatment

Come dressed to get wet, dirty, and dyed blue. Learn about the biology of invasive species and hands-on removal techniques while protecting the Lake Huron shoreline from phragmites.

October 2 – Alpena County – Native Plant Restoration

Native plants are a beautiful and ecologically beneficial way to improve landscaping, whether after a recent disturbance or just to beautify an area. Ecologist Jennifer Muladore will teach the ins and outs of selecting, planting and protecting these treasures.





Become a Volunteer

11 Projects/11 Counties

In 2009, Huron Pines projects mobilized 840 volunteers totaling 3,350 hours—that's equal to 1.5 full-time staff! Our 2009 volunteers had an impact on projects from LWD to native plantings and we want to continue that success across our service area in 2010.

To better reach every county in our service area, we're organizing volunteer projects in each of the 11 counties we serve: 11 projects/ 11 counties. Every project is different, covering the many different facets of our work to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan.

See what we're planning on our event calendar on the other side of this page. To join in on any or all of our 11/11 projects, call our office at (989) 344-0753 ext. 21 or e-mail jill@huronpines.org.

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Use Your Skills for Conservation

Huron Pines projects are varied in activity and difficulty level. We can always use a helping hand, though. To help us connect you with a project that fits your interests and talents, fill out our volunteer form (available online). Whether you're good at counting macroinvertebrates or working a shovel or you'd like to give some time by helping with mailings, we have a project for you. Visit www.huronpines.org to learn more.



The mission of Huron Pines is to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan. We accomplish large-scale, hands-on restoration projects by facilitating broad partnerships that highlight and utilize the unique skills of each individual to achieve greater accomplishments than if each group worked alone. Huron Pines, a not-for-profit organization based in Grayling, MI, serves the Northeastern 11 counties of the Lower Peninsula.

The staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers of Huron Pines represent a well-rounded cross section of the conservation community. From writing numerous watershed management plans for watersheds in our service area to managing major "dirt-moving" conservation/restoration projects, the staff at Huron Pines is always poised to take the lead on future natural resource protection efforts. Using the goals established in approved plans, staff regularly organize, fundraise and implement projects focused on reducing threats to natural resources.

