



Clare Conservation District

2023 Annual Report

"ENCOURAGING THE WISE USE OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH PROMOTION AND EDUCATION"

2023 District Service Highlights

Board of Directors

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District Staff

Christiane Rathke
District Administrator/Soil Erosion
Joe Nash
District Forester
Toni Maize
Spongy Moth Coordinator

Partner Staff

Brandi Mitchel
MAEAP Technician
Peter Hoch
NRCS District Conservationist
Matthew Lindauer
CM-CISMA Coordinator

Forestry:

- 155 free site visits with landowners*
**Reach out to Joe to schedule a site visit on your property!!*
- 21 enrollments into Michigan's Qualified Forest Program**
***Talk to Joe to find out if your property is eligible for this tax exemption program!!*
- 46 different forest ecology educational outreach workshops and events

Joe was also featured in local newspapers and interviews 12 times since starting at the Conservation District

Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control:

- 89 Soil erosion permits were issued to protect the waters of Clare Co.
- Additional staff certified



Spongy Moth Suppression:

- 11,813 acres sprayed for a total cost of \$528,159!
- 6 counters hired last fall to count egg masses
- 6,278 parcels outlined for spray in 2024, across 12,694 acres

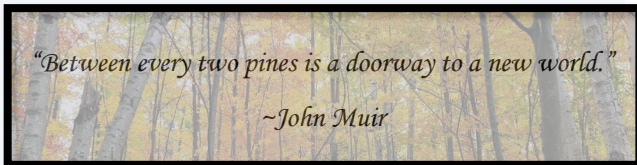
Last year we had the pleasure of hosting a work-placed student from the Clare-Gladwin CTE program in our office.

We look forward to continuing to give CTE students the opportunity to gain work experience and explore their career

A special thank you to City of Harrison Maintenance Team and Clare-Gladwin CTE Agriculture Science for helping with a successful spring tree sale!

Our Spring Tree Sale is.... **GROWING!!**

- 🌿 Only Michigan native trees and plants offered
- 🌿 Introduction of native plants with a separate plant sale held in May
- 🤝 Partnership with Clare-Gladwin CTE Agricultural Science for sorting and bagging seedlings for distribution
- 👤 Over 11,000 native trees were distributed through sales and donations
- 🌿 900 native grasses & wildflowers were planted
- 🌿 320 seedlings donated to Farwell Parks & Rec. for Farwell elementary students
- 🌿 300 seedlings donated to Harrison Schools for parent night
- 🌿 Wildflowers donated to Harrison Veterans Park and Gladwin Conservation District Childrens Garden



FY 2023 Appropriated Budget

REVENUE (by source)	
State Funds	\$ 108,000.00
Federal Funds	\$ -
Contributions from Local Units	\$ 3,000.00
Charges for Services (donations, fundraiser, interest, etc.)	\$ 2,000.00
Soil Erosion	\$ 30,000.00
Tree Sales	\$ 22,000.00
Gypsy Moth	\$ 25,000.00
Scrap Tire Grant	\$ 6,000.00
Total Revenue	\$ 196,000.00
Expenditures (by activity)	
281 Operations	\$ 50,000.00
283 Forestry Assistance Grant - Forester Salary	\$ 68,000.00
294 Reforestation/Tree Sale	\$ 12,000.00
Soil Erosion	\$ 20,000.00
Gypsy Moth	\$ 19,000.00
Scrap Tire Grant	\$ 6,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 175,000.00
Budget Balance	\$ 21,000.00
Beginning Fund Balance (Required)	\$ 120,086.24
Ending Fund Balance (Required)	\$ 141,086.24

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