



*a year in review*

# Dickinson CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## MACD is Awarded \$8 Million

**You can do a whole lot with \$8 million!** The Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD), in partnership with the Michigan Forest Association (MFA) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), knows exactly where it is needed. This money is going to fund cost-share and administrative support for practices that mitigate climate change and enhance forest resilience. With a reduced cost barrier, MACD hopes that more landowners will be able to promote and protect the health of their forests. This funding exists through investments from the Inflation Reduction Act.

“MACD is excited to receive this funding, which empowers us to assist Michigan’s small and under-served landowners in adopting forestry practices that enhance carbon sequestration,” said MACD Executive Director Rivka Hodgekinson. The Climate Resilience Fund and the Climate Stewardship Fund will focus on assistance for under-served landowners, offering cost-share payments of up to 100% of their actual expenses. Sounds like a win to us!

[www.macd.org](http://www.macd.org)

## Forester Josh Excels!

Being a district forester isn’t easy, and that goes double when you cover TWO counties! Our forester, Josh Isaac, knows this well. His responsibilities include everything from identifying and addressing a landowner’s natural resource concerns, to performing verification visits for Qualified Forest Program (QFP) or Tree Farm eligibility - even participating in research studies conducted by universities or the Department of Natural Resources. On top of all of this, he is also educating the community by performing public outreach.

How does he do it? By keeping busy! In fact, in 2024, he was one of the “busiest” district foresters in the state. Forester Josh was second out of all district foresters in the state of Michigan for QFP acres verified for eligibility. Not impressed yet? He was **first** in the state for QFP verifications by count! We are privileged to have such an effective district forester on our team!

*Have a question for Forester Josh, or questions about the Qualified Forest Program? Call (906) 774-1550 ext. 100 or email [dmfapforester@gmail.com](mailto:dmfapforester@gmail.com)*

# DICKINSON CD 2025 SPRING TREE SALE FUNDRAISER

PLANTING SUPPLIES			QUANTITY	PRICE
Root Gel (2 oz per 1,000 seedlings)	2 oz		\$3.00	
Tree Protectors (Corrugated Plastic)	5'		\$9.00	
Bamboo Stakes	6'		\$2.00	
Tree Wrap (Plastic Spiral) 5/pkg	36"		\$12.00	
Plantskyd	3lbs		\$30.00	

*Protectors & tree wrap will only fit certain species - call (906) 774-1550 ext. 103 for more info!*

CONIFER PLUG SEEDLINGS	PER 25	PER 100	PER 500	QUANTITY	PRICE
Balsam Fir	\$35.00	\$120.00	\$500.00		
Fraser Fir	\$35.00	\$120.00	\$500.00		
Black Spruce	\$35.00	\$120.00	\$500.00		
Norway Spruce	\$35.00	\$120.00	\$500.00		
White Spruce	\$35.00	\$120.00	\$500.00		
Red Pine	\$35.00	\$120.00	\$500.00		
White Pine	\$35.00	\$120.00	\$500.00		
Tamarack	\$75.00	x	x		

*All plugs are size 4A. Plug seedlings are between 8-10" tall. Quantities marked 'x' are unavailable.*

DECIDUOUS TREE & SHRUB SEEDLINGS	PER 10	PER 25	PER 100	QUANTITY	PRICE
Red Oak	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Bur Oak	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
White Oak	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Swamp White Oak	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
White Cedar	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
American Hazelnut	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Yellow Birch	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Paper Birch	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Black Walnut	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Quaking Aspen	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Sugar Maple	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Washington Hawthorn	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Gray Dogwood	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Red Osier Dogwood	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Ninebark	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Highbush Cranberry	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Nannyberry	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Black Elderberry	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Saskatoon Serviceberry	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Choke Cherry	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Roselow Sargent Crabapple	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$200.00		
Beaked Hazelnut	\$40.00	\$80.00	x		
Basswood	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$300.00		
Bitternut Hickory	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$300.00		

*These seedlings are between 6-18" tall. Quantities marked 'x' are unavailable.*

WILDLIFE APPLES	BUNDLE OF 5	QUANTITY	PRICE
Apple Seedlings for Wildlife		\$85.00	

*Wildlife apple seedlings are between 24-42" tall.*

FRUITS & VEGETABLES	BUNDLE SIZE	PRICE	QUANTITY	PRICE
King of the North Grape	Sold Individually	\$18.00		
Northland Blueberry	Sold Individually	\$12.00		
Prelude Raspberry	5 Plants	\$35.00		
Victoria Rhubarb	5 Plants	\$35.00		
Jersey Supreme Asparagus	10 Plants	\$20.00		
Sparkle Strawberry	25 Plants	\$25.00		

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FRUIT TREES	SOLD INDIVIDUALLY	QUANTITY	PRICE
Frostbite Apple			\$65.00
Honeycrisp Apple			\$65.00
KinderKrisp Apple			\$65.00
McIntosh Apple			\$65.00
Prairie Magic Apple			\$65.00
Triumph Apple			\$65.00
Chestnut Crabapple			\$65.00
Whitney Crabapple			\$65.00
Pipestone Plum			\$65.00
Waneta Plum			\$65.00

These are hefty, bare root trees. They are generally 5-7' tall with a stem diameter of greater than 1/2".  
Most fruit trees require a pollinator species to make fruit. Call (906)774-1550 ext. 103 for more information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total-Pg 1	
Total-Pg 2	

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Order	
<b>Donation</b>	
Process Fee	\$8.00
<b>Total Due</b>	

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* PICK UP INFO \*\***

**Deadline: 4/4/2025**

**~ ATTENTION: PLEASE MARK YOUR PICK UP LOCATION BELOW ~**

Norway Fairgrounds, MI - April 25th & 26th	
Coleman High School, WI (10am-12pm) - April 26th	

Send checks to: Dickinson CD, 420 N Hooper St, Kingsford, MI 49802

We accept Visa, Mastercard, and Discover:

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Code/CVV #: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Due to the nature of selling live plants, survival cannot be warranted and refunds/returns will not be available . All prices include sales tax. Contact us if tax-exempt.**

Questions or special requests? Call: (906) 774-1550 ext. 103 or email: fundraiser@dickinsoncd.org

**- The Dickinson CD Spring Tree Sale is sponsored by these great organizations! -**



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## Dickinson Conservation District Seeks Executive Director

The Dickinson Conservation District is excited to have begun the process of hiring a new executive director! This position is responsible for all District operations and reports directly to the elected Board. The director must be proficient in financial planning and organization, effective decision making, managing employees, and most importantly, possess an ironclad commitment to safeguarding and promoting the natural resources in Dickinson County.

Think you've got what it takes? See the full description at [www.dickinsoncd.org](http://www.dickinsoncd.org)

## Outgoing Executive Director Amber Butterfield: A Retrospective

It takes a special sort of person to run a conservation district. A person with vision, toughness, an undeniable work ethic, and a learner's mind. Ours was named Amber Butterfield. Amber joined the District in 2019 at, perhaps, the most difficult time in recent history: the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. "The District needed organization." Amber recalls, which she achieved in spades. In fact, the district was back on its feet and writing for new grants before the pandemic even ended. Amber sites the two water quality grants she wrote and was awarded (see article on next page!) as her proudest achievement.

The Dickinson Conservation District is privileged to have had such an effective and committed executive director. **From the bottom of our hearts, thank you, Amber!**

*"Trust your instincts, don't be afraid to build upon success, and embrace change!" - Amber Butterfield*



## Upcoming Grants in Dickinson County

### **Save Our Shores:**

## **Improving Shoreline Health of Inland Lakes Through Restoration and Education**

Near-shore aquatic habitat is crucially important to lake health. Human activity has caused some areas of shoreline to become disrupted or hardscaped. Loss of shoreline habitat means fewer shoreline aquatic plants, which means less runoff filtration, which means more pollution makes it into the lakes. Dickinson Conservation District has partnered with Iron Baraga Conservation District to address this issue, and 12 inland lakes located within the two conservation districts have been selected for survey. All of the inland lakes selected are heavily used for recreation and/or undergoing development of their shorelines.

The survey will enable the conservation districts to identify the three sites most in need of restoration. Educational material will be provided to stakeholders at or near the selected sites. The third component to this grant is the actual restoration work to be performed at the selected sites. Native plants will be restored with the goal of reestablishing the natural filtration systems that keep inland lake water clean. Afterwards, monitoring will be conducted to ensure success.

Funding is being provided by WE Energies and work will begin in early 2025. Thank you, WE Energies, for enabling us to do this important work. Thank you, Iron Baraga Conservation District for partnering with us!

### **Fumee Creek Watershed Grant**

A “watershed” is an area of land that channels rainfall, snow melt, and runoff into a common body of water. The Fumee Creek Watershed covers much of Iron Mountain, Kingsford, Quinnesec, and Norway. In 2002, Dickinson Conservation District sampled water quality at various sites within the watershed.

Now that a substantial amount of time has passed, it is time to sample the same sites used in 2002, as well as a few new sites. To this end, we will measure the temperature, dissolved oxygen, biochemical oxygen demand (how much oxygen it takes for organic material to decompose), nitrates, phosphates, pH, conductivity, total hardness, total suspended solids (the amount of solid particles suspended in the water), Michigan 10 metals, low level mercury, chloride, and E. Coli. The goal is to evaluate water quality change over time, increase public awareness about stormwater’s impact on surface water quality, and to form partnerships with local stakeholders to discuss water quality and stormwater impacts within the watershed. The eventual goal is the formation of a watershed council, responsible for staying abreast of water quality issues within the Fumee watershed.

Funding is being provided by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE). Thank you, EGLE, for enabling us to perform this work!