

# Do you...

Like the outdoors, native plants, and wildlife?

Have a passion for habitat restoration?

Enjoy sharing what you learn with others?



## Become a Conservation Steward!

Conservation Stewards help protect and restore our state's diverse ecosystems and natural communities. They work with naturalists, biologists, and land managers to restore spring ephemerals, bring back rare grasslands, and protect frog habitat. This program will help adults gain the knowledge and skills needed to contribute to land and water stewardship and educational efforts in their local area. They also create their own conservation networks by interacting with fellow participants and staff of local conservation organizations.

Classroom and online sessions deliver the foundations of conservation, and local field experiences guide learners through forestland, grassland, wetland, Great lake, inland lake, and stream environments. Conservation Stewards work on capstone projects with other students to help them apply what they learn to real-world conservation needs in their communities.

The Conservation Stewards Program is administered by Michigan State University Extension and planned and delivered in partnership with local conservation networks.

### Course Themes

- Foundations of Conservation: Heritage, Ecology & Society and Conservation
- Terrestrial, Wetland, and Aquatic Ecosystems
- Natural Communities of Michigan

### Course Offering

Offered every other year in various regions in Michigan. Course location is dependent on support from local conservation organizations.

### Course Instructors

Professional-level instruction is provided by Michigan State Extension, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, and local experts.



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# Berrien County Conservation Stewards Program



The Michigan Conservation Stewards Program is a unique 8-week opportunity to learn about Berrien County's natural communities from local experts and people committed to conservation. This program includes field trips, online material, and indoor classes held in unique places throughout Berrien County. Participants also put their learning into action by working on a capstone project directly with local conservation groups. Become part of a social network that will empower you to make on-the-ground change in your local community. Evening classes will be held on Thursday nights from 6 - 9 p.m.

### For more information contact:

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## CSP Berrien County Class Schedule

Week 1	September 12	Foundations of Conservation
Week 2	September 19	Society, Heritage, and Conservation
Week 3	September 26	Great Lakes
Week 4	October 3	Streams
Field Day #1	October 5 (Saturday)	Open Dunes & Interdunal Wetlands
Week 5	October 10	Wetlands
Week 6	October 17	Forests
Field Day #2	October 19 (Saturday)	Great Lakes Marsh
Week 7	October 24	Grasslands
BREAK	October 31 & November 7	NO CLASSES
Week 8	November 14	Capstone Project Celebration

**Registration opens  
in June**

**Cost: \$250**

**Scholarships  
Available!**

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