

July 23, 2008

Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful summer we are having!

This week, Steve Rodock, a soil scientist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, brings us a question about Michigan's soil.

What is the sweetest soil in Michigan?

See the answer: <http://www.huronpines.org/article/71>

To learn more about soils, visit <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>.

Below is the 7/23/08 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

Thank you!
Huron Pines
www.huronpines.org

Interested in forest management? Get involved!

Management of state lands– for recreation, wildlife and timber– is a topic near and dear to everyone who enjoys northern Michigan. Forestlands owned by the state are divided into management units, or compartments. The state holds annual open houses for each management unit; these are excellent opportunities for the public to meet with resource professionals to discuss and review forestland management plans before they are implemented. If you have something to say, this the place to be heard!

For a 2008 schedule, visit http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dnr/2010YOE-OpenHouseSchedule_232130_7.pdf

Meetings focusing on a Regional State Forest Management Plan for the Northern and Southern Lower Peninsula Eco-regions will be held on the following dates:

August 12 -7pm, DNR Ralph. A MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon

August 13 - 7pm, DNR Operations Service Center in Gaylord

August 14 -7pm, Clam Lake Township Hall in Cadillac

For more information, please visit <http://www.huronpines.org/article/79>.

If you would like to get involved with the **Pigeon River Country Forest**, the DNR is seeking comments regarding their decisions about forest management in this area. They will provide factual information such as total acres to be harvested, tree species to be harvested, etc. but will also be hosting a forum to discuss management techniques.

July 29 - Open House, 3pm to 7pm, Pigeon River Country Headquarters in Vanderbilt

August 20 - Unit Compartment Review, 9am, Pigeon River Country Headquarters in Vanderbilt

For more information about the Pigeon River Country, visit http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10371_10402-196391--,00.html.

Coastal Stewardship Project Targets Critical Areas

A new tool to better target conservation efforts along the coast of Lake Huron will soon be available. We are currently developing a geographic database and GIS analysis to prioritize conservation projects and enhance coastal resources. The information helps target priority areas, such as wetlands, dune ecosystems, and ground water recharge areas.

The next step is to involve private landowners in managing specific natural areas. Our Habitat Specialist, Eric Nelson, will be meeting with private landowners to discuss options on how to best manage land while protecting natural resources.

To learn more about the Northeast Michigan Coastal Stewardship Project, please visit <http://www.huronpines.org/project/76> or contact Eric Nelson, Habitat Specialist at eric@huronpines.org.

Pine River- Van Etten Lake Workshop- August 28

Please join us and the Pine River- Van Etten Lake Watershed Coalition for a workshop about river stewardship. There will a presentation and a demonstration project using Large Woody Debris. Please bring a lunch, waders and work gloves. For more information or to RSVP, contact Casey Ressler at info@huronpines.org or call (989) 344-0753 x14.

For membership information, please visit:
<https://secure.bytepro.net/huronpines/contribute>

To **subscribe**, send an email to: newsletter-subscribe@lists.huronpines.org
To **unsubscribe**, send an email to: newsletter-unsubscribe@lists.huronpines.org

For questions about this email or if you are unable to automatically subscribe/unsubscribe, contact Casey Ressler: info@huronpines.org

Huron Pines is a nonprofit organization whose goal is to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan.

Huron Pines
501 Norway Street
Grayling, MI 49738
Phone 989.344.0753
Fax 989.348.7945

www.huronpines.org