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This week, our Huron Pines AmeriCorps member serving at the Otsego Conservation District, Emily Sewell, asks a question about one of Michigan's unique ecosystems.

Historically, what is the average number of years between wildfires in a jack pine ecosystem?

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

Below is the 8/20/08 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

Thank you!

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Dam Summit- September 17th

Recently, there have been a number of reports about problems with dams—both what happens after dam failure, as well as the everyday problems that dams can cause. To learn more about this issue, attend our upcoming Dam Summit.

The keynote speaker is **Bryan Burroughs, PhD.**, from the [Michigan Council of Trout Unlimited](#). Case studies on the Hersey Dam removal and the Green River Dam removal will also be presented. To learn more about the event, visit <http://www.huronpines.org/article/80>.

Please join us at the Ramada Inn in Grayling, 9:30-1pm. Lunch will be provided but space is limited. Please RSVP to Jill Scarzo at (989) 344-0753 or jill@huronpines.org.

Have an idea for a new project? We can help!

One of Huron Pines strengths is the ability to help partners get their own projects off the ground. If you have a conservation project idea, please visit [How to Get New Projects Started](#) to learn more about addressing the resources you need.

River Stewardship for Agricultural Landowners

Please join the Pine River-Van Etten Lake Coalition and Huron Pines for a workshop about River Stewardship. The day will include a presentation by Perry Smeltzer of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and a demonstration addressing erosion and fish habitat by Patrick Ertel, Huron Pines Restoration Project Manager.

Join us **Thursday, August 28 from 11am-3pm** at 791 Fourth St., Harrisville, MI. 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.

Otsego Lake Water Quality

The Otsego Lake Association recently had Great Lakes Environmental Center (GLEC) perform a water quality study. The study focused on surface water and suspended sediment. Samples were taken from 6 different locations and analyzed.

The surface water samples were tested for dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, total phosphorus, and nitrate/nitrite-nitrogen. The sediment samples were tested for percent solids, total phosphorus, PNA organic compounds, PCB's, DHA acid, and twelve different metals.

To learn more about Otsego Lake and see the results of the water quality tests, [click here](#).

Don't miss these upcoming events!

August 22—Wild Wetlands Day for kids, ages 10-12 years old. Join the Fun at the North Partridge Point Wetlands Education Classroom from 9am-3pm. Activities include lessons about fish, birds, amphibians, reptiles, habitat and much more! There is no charge for this HeadWaters Land Conservancy event, and lunch will be provided. Please register with Erin Riopelle at eriopelle@headwatersconservancy.org or (989) 731-0573.

September 6—Au Sable Big Water Preservation Association Clean-up, meet at 8am in Mio. For details, view the [flier](#) or visit <http://www.asbwpa.org/>.

Ongoing- Learn more about planning through the [Citizen Planner](#) training by Michigan State University Extension. Government officials, developers, and volunteer community leaders gain the knowledge and leadership skills they need to be effective in making land use decisions. Learn more about upcoming events- [Citizen Planner Program](#).

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

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