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[Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) member Matthew Reaume asks a timely question for the beachgoers out there.

## **What is Michigan's official state soil?**

See the [Huron Pines eNews answer](#).

Below is the 8/12/09 update for Huron Pines.

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## **Huron Pines Invasive Species Volunteer Training—August 15**

Following the success of our June phragmites monitoring training in Tawas City, Huron Pines is holding another volunteer training along the coast of Lake Huron. This training will occur on Saturday, August 15, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm and will start at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. After a presentation on the invasive grass and its effects on coastal habitat, attendees will visit a stand of phragmites on the shore and develop their monitoring skills.

**R.S.V.P. now for this free seminar.** For details, please contact Tim Engelhardt at (989) 344-0753 x14 or [tim@huronpines.org](mailto:tim@huronpines.org). Learn more about [Invasive Species](#).

## **South Branch Au Sable Large Woody Debris Project**

As with many of the rivers in northern Michigan, the South Branch of the Au Sable River is lacking Large Woody Debris (LWD), or fallen trees in the river that help prevent erosion and provide habitat to many important species of fish, invertebrates, reptiles, and amphibians. Huron Pines will be addressing this problem in the coming months from Smith Bridge to the mouth of the South Branch. Funding for 10 weeks of LWD work by the Huron Pines restoration crew was provided by [Anglers of the Au Sable](#) and [Orvis](#).

To learn more about our LWD work, visit [Stream Enhancement with Large Woody Debris](#) or contact Patrick Ertel at (989) 344-0753 x19 or [patrick@huronpines.org](mailto:patrick@huronpines.org).

## **Coastal Stewardship Project Update**

Huron Pines recently completed the Northeast Michigan Coastal Stewardship plan and submitted it to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for final review. Huron Pines worked with a number of partners to create a list of criteria that would help prioritize conservation “hot spots” for action along the Lake Huron coastline. Then, a computer mapping analysis was completed with assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service to pinpoint specific priority areas. The plan also includes strategies and objectives for partners to help preserve and protect the valuable shoreline.

Download a copy of the [Northeast Michigan Coastal Stewardship plan](#) from our website or contact Jennifer Muladore at (989) 344-0753 x31 or [Jennifer@huronpines.org](mailto:Jennifer@huronpines.org).

### **Crawford-Roscommon Conservation Expo—September 19**

If you're interested in conservation in Northeast Michigan, make sure to visit the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Conservation Expo being held by the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District on September 19. The event will be held at the Houghton Lake Historical Playhouse—conservation groups including Huron Pines will be on hand to answer questions and promote conservation, and photo contest entries will be judged by the public during the day.

The photo contest deadline is August 31, and space is still available for individuals and groups wishing to participate in the expo. For details, contact Barb Stauffer at (989) 275-3163 or [barb.stauffer@macd.org](mailto:barb.stauffer@macd.org) or Jim Johnson at (989) 422-3517.

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