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Our question this week comes from the 2008 Michigan Keeper of the Great Lakes Award recipient Thomas Buhr. Thomas has been doing it all from organizing projects with the [Au Sable Big Water Preservation Association](#) to volunteering his time with Huron Pines efforts. As an avid angler, he asks this about trout.

Do all trout spawn at the same time of year?

See the [answer](#).

Check out our latest newsletter, [December 2008](#).
Below is the 12/10/08 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

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New Invasive Species Program at Huron Pines

Invasive species management is an important topic to Huron Pines. In the past, we have worked with a number of groups to address invasive species issues in their area. As the issue has become more pressing, we have created an Invasive Species program to better address this serious concern.

As part of the [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) program, we are launching an [Invasive Species](#) program to help address the issue in Northeast Michigan. During the 2009 field season, Huron Pines will be taking an inventory and monitoring several key problem species: purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*), buckthorn (*Rhamnus* spp.), and phragmites (*Phragmites australis*).

We are currently looking for volunteers to help. If you or a group is interested in volunteering, please contact the Invasive Species Coordinator, [Tim Engelhardt](#). There will also be invasive species removal workdays. Our volunteer workday schedule will be available soon.

Don't forget- Nominations Due by December 31

Huron Pines is now accepting nominations through December 31, 2008 for the O.B. Eustis award program. Winners are recognized based on their efforts to balance environmental protection with economic development. **Each winner selected will be able to designate a \$500 award to a conservation project of their choice in Northeast Michigan.**

View the [Nomination Form](#) or contact Jill Scarzo at (989) 344-0753 x21 or jill@huronpines.org.

Land Use Classes with NEMCOG

Land use planning is an important tool for natural resource stewardship. An opportunity to learn more about it is available through the Northeast Michigan Council of Government's ([NEMCOG](#)) Land Use Education Academy. These classes are great for planning commissioners, local officials, civic groups and interested individuals. Learn more and view the [Training Schedule](#).

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