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The Emerald Isle holds a plethora of mysteries but we narrowed it down to one of the world's luckiest nitrogen fixers. In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, we're wondering . . .

## **What are the chances of finding a four-leaved clover?**

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

Below is the 3/18/10 update for Huron Pines.

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## **Opportunity to serve with AmeriCorps—Positions Open!**

Interested in conservation and want to make a difference? [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) members will have the opportunity not only to develop real-world skills but to have a real impact on the area by completing conservation projects that otherwise would not be done.

With a \$6,035 living stipend, health insurance and education award, this program provides an opportunity to develop as a resource professional in the conservation community. Members will provide assistance with volunteer engagement, habitat restoration, environmental stewardship and new conservation services.

Where will members serve? The program is based in Grayling and members will be placed with regional conservation organizations including:

Conservation Resource Alliance (Traverse City), [Restoration and Outreach Specialist](#)

Grand Traverse Conservation District (Traverse City), [Land Management Technician](#)

Headwaters Chapter of Trout Unlimited (Vanderbilt), [Stream Specialist](#)

Huron Pines (Grayling), [Field Technician](#) (three positions available)

Little Traverse Conservancy (Harbor Springs), [Stewardship Technician](#)

Michigan Sea Grant (Alpena), [Education Coordinator](#)

Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy (Bay City), [Outreach Coordinator](#)

We are currently recruiting nine AmeriCorps members for service beginning in May and running through October 2010. Visit [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) to learn more and view the [AmeriCorps Member Application](#). Huron Pines is a not-for-profit organization and an equal opportunity provider. For additional information, please contact Casey Ressler, Huron Pines AmeriCorps Coordinator, at [casey@huronpines.org](mailto:casey@huronpines.org) or (989) 344-0753 ext. 30.

## **Invasive Species Program Update**

This summer, Huron Pines will be battling invasive species with the help of a SWAT team of AmeriCorps members dedicated to treating [phragmites](#), [purple loosestrife](#), [buckthorn](#), and garlic mustard on public and private lands. Position descriptions are available on the [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) page of our website, or visit [Huron Pines Invasive Species program](#) to learn more about our plans for 2010.

To help the SWAT team get to sites across our service area, Huron Pines is looking for a vehicle to carry the team and equipment. If you know of an affordable van or truck that seats four or know someone who would like to donate a vehicle, contact Brad Jensen at [brad@huronpines.org](mailto:brad@huronpines.org) or (989) 344-0753 ext. 18.

## **Huron Pines Awarded Coastal Zone Funding**

Huron Pines is pleased to announce that we have been awarded a grant by the Coastal Zone Management Program to assist with several of our projects. This \$23,000 grant will enable us to increase our public outreach effort for the [Invasive Species Program](#) and complete a [Small Dams](#) inventory in the coastal Lake Huron watershed. Both of these efforts are identified through our [Coastal Stewardship Plan](#) as priority strategies for restoring and protecting our Lake Huron coastline.

Grants like these are made possible through local support, including matching funds. Many funding sources require non-governmental funds to help match dollars from agencies. To find out how you can help us secure funding through services, cash, or volunteer time, contact Brad Jensen at [brad@huronpines.org](mailto:brad@huronpines.org) or (989) 344-0753 ext. 18.

## Fly Fishing Expo Thanks

Thanks to everyone who visited us at the Midwest Fly Fishing Expo last weekend. We couldn't have been more pleased with the turnout and level of interest in our projects. Our [River Model](#) attracted quite a crowd—we're already wondering how we could possibly top that next year.

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