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As the leaves begin to fall and the cool weather sets in, many get ready to head south. One species making the 1,500 mile trip from Northeast Michigan to the Bahamas is the Kirtland's warbler. This week, Aaron Lauster, Area Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, asks this:

**How many singing males were counted in the 2008 Kirtland's warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) survey?**

See the [answer](#).

Below is the 10/15/08 biweekly update for Huron Pines.

Thank you!  
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**Great Lakes Water Quality- Public Input Meeting October 17 @ 7pm**

Join regional conservation partners and Lt. Governor John Cherry in gathering input for [Michigan's Great Lakes Restoration and Protection Initiative](#). The Lt. Governor recently joined the [Michigan Office of the Great Lakes](#) and [Michigan United Conservation Clubs](#) to announce the Initiative, which has since led to the development of a comprehensive restoration and protection plan for Michigan. Part of the plan involves gathering regional input. Because our water resources are critical to our environment and our economy, we need to take an active role and voice our priorities.

We will be hosting a meeting this Friday, **October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Grayling Township Hall** (2090 Viking Way). Visit our [Calendar](#) for more information.

**Thank you to our October Volunteers!**

We would like to thank two great conservation partners for their work this month.

Eleven members of the Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited spent several hours doing [Stream Restoration with Large Woody Debris](#) at Conner's Flats on the Au Sable. With their help, over 100 trees were placed to create fish habitat and reduce erosion.

Last weekend, the ATV Off-Road Club of Michigan worked on restoring an area near Lupton. The group helped install fencing to close illegally used trails and placed trail markers on 2.5 miles of new trails. Learn more about Huron Pines work with [Recreation Restoration](#).

With the dedication of volunteer groups like these, we are able to complete more conservation projects and better protect Northeast Michigan's natural resources. Thank you for all of your hard work!

## **Have an Idea for a New Project in Northeast Michigan?**

Know of a conservation problem that needs technical or financial help? We're able to do many projects through our organization, but also look to assist others with taking a lead role.

We encourage new project ideas from the people we serve. The types of projects we're interested in are those that are compatible with our mission of conserving the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan.

Our technical committee, the [Resource Advisory Group](#), next meets on November 6<sup>th</sup>. They will be reviewing new project proposals at this time. If you have a project idea and would like it to be reviewed, please send in a [New Project Proposal Form](#) as soon as possible or contact Executive Director, [Brad Jensen](#) at (989) 344-0753 x18.

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