

September 23, 2009

Although the last few weeks have felt more like summer, September 22 was the official first day of fall and the trees are starting to show it. Have a conservation trivia question you'd like to see answered? E-mail Jennifer@huronpines.org.

Why do many tree leaves change colors in the fall?

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

Below is the 9/23/09 update for Huron Pines.

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Thank you!

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River Restoration Crew Places 2,300 Trees

The [River Restoration Crew](#) has been working hard this field season to meet the [Large Woody Debris \(LWD\) Project](#) goal of 2,300 trees in the Au Sable River and last week, they exceeded that goal. By placing so many trees along the river, the crew is helping to restore the natural habitat that has been missing since the logging industry cleared the river over a century ago.

This week is also the annual helicopter LWD project week, placing full trees and root wads in the river on USDA Forest Service land. The crew, in partnership with the [Michigan Department of Natural Resources](#) Fisheries Division staff and a helicopter crew are working upstream from Alcona Pond, so if you're in the area, stop and see the newly placed trees.

The next stop for the crew is the South Branch Au Sable, where they will soon be moving forward with the 10-week project to improve habitat on that stretch of the river. To learn more about LWD and the benefits of habitat restoration on rivers, [click here](#) or contact Patrick Ertel at (989) 344-0753 x19 or patrick@huronpines.org.

Roscommon Stormwater Study

On September 14, [Huron Pines AmeriCorps](#) member Dan Schultz presented his completed stormwater assessment to the Village of Roscommon. The study included an inventory of the existing storm drain system, a summary of land use

information and pollutant loading, recommended Best Management Practices (BMPs) and cost estimates for the village to reduce the amount of polluted runoff.

To download a copy of the final stormwater report, [click here](#). The project was funded in part by the [Village of Roscommon](#), [Paul H. Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited](#) and the [Michigan Fly Fishing Club](#). Dan's service as an AmeriCorps member has been supported in part by the [W.K. Kellogg Foundation](#), the [DTE Energy Foundation](#), the [Corporation for National and Community Service](#) and [Huron Pines](#).

See other AmeriCorps member accomplishments on the [Huron Pines AmeriCorps project page](#). Contact Casey Ressler at (989) 344-0753 x30 or casey@huronpines.org for information about the upcoming year of service.

Upcoming Events and Announcements

Michigan Association of Planning Conference: September 30-October 3, Soaring Eagle Resort, Mount Pleasant. Visit www.planningmi.org for more information.

Pine River-Van Etten Lake Fall Macroinvertebrate Sampling: Saturday October 3rd or Wednesday October 7th. Contact Gene Stagner at gene.stagner@charter.net to volunteer.

Conservation Resource Alliance's Biennial Meeting: Wednesday, October 28, at the Hagerty Center in Traverse City. Call CRA at (231) 946-6817 with questions and to register.

Montmorency County Conservation Club Meeting: October 13, 7-8 pm. For more information, contact MCCC, c/o Carol Rose, 1855 Glacier Trail, Hillman, MI 49746

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