



<p>Fri – Mon Feb 17 - 20</p>	<p>North America Bird Count</p>	<p>Great Backyard Bird Count!</p> <p>Participate in the 15th Annual Great Backyard Bird Count across North America!</p> <p>It's fun and easy and educational!</p> <p>Cost: Free</p>	<p>Spend as little as 15 minutes observing the birds in your backyard, school grounds, office building lawn, or anywhere, and then report them on-line to take part in one of the world's largest "citizen science" programs. Compare your data with others around the continent and learn how your observations help scientists determine which species are in trouble. The GBBC is sponsored by the National Audubon Society and the Cornell Ornithological Lab.</p>
<p>Friday Feb. 24</p>	<p>Detroit Urban Farming Film</p>	<p>Sustainability Film Series</p> <p>Marvin I. Danto Engineering Development Center Auditorium Engineering Building, Room 1507 5050 Anthony Wayne Drive Detroit MI 6 pm, Free to the public</p> <p>For more information on the series, contact Daryl Pierson, Office of Campus Sustainability at (313) 577-5068 or darylpierson@wayne.edu</p>	<p>Film Title: Urban Farming (a local documentary) Introduction: Dr. Kami Pothukuchi, Associate Professor of Urban Planning Subject: The Urban Gardening movement in Detroit. Discussion/Volunteer Group: Earth Works Urban Farm will discuss urban farming and local volunteer opportunities.</p>
<p>Saturday March 3</p>	<p>Milford Owl Prowl</p>	<p>Owl Prowl Kensington Metropark 2240 W. Buno Rd. Milford, MI 48380</p> <p>7:30 pm</p> <p>Leaders: Bob Hotaling, Metropark naturalist, and Jim Bull</p> <p>Please call the Detroit Audubon office by 3/1/12 so that we can anticipate how many to expect and so we will be able to notify you of any changes. Leave your name, the number of people coming, and your phone number and email address. Also indicate if you are interested in carpooling, and we will put you in touch with others with a similar</p>	<p>Great Horned Owls will have been nesting since early February, and Barred Owls will just be beginning to nest. Screech owls will be getting ready to nest. Since they are defending territories, playing an owl tape or imitating their calls will likely bring a response from them, and there is a good chance they will come in where we can see them in a beam of lantern light. We have changed parks this year.</p>

		interest in your area. Call (248) 354-5804.	
Wednesday March 7	East Lansing Energy and Resource Use Seminar	<p>A Matter of Balance: Energy, Water and Working Lands</p> <p>Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Registration opens at 8 a.m.) Sponsor: Michigan Chapter, Soil and Water Conservation Society</p> <p>Advance registration is required. For more information, go to www.miswcs.org or contact Daniel.Kesselring@miswcs.org.</p> <p>For related information, visit the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Energy Web site at http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/energy</p>	<p>Energy and water are inextricably linked in what a Great Lakes Commission issue brief called “the energy/water nexus.” The brief stated that it takes water to produce energy and it takes energy to make water available. How does this relate to working lands such as farmland and forestland? This seminar looks at the relationships of energy, water and working lands, how each affects the others, and how both conservation and wise use help to sustain all three. This seminar is for agency conservation professionals, as well as private consultants, conservation advocates and land users.</p>
Friday March 30	Detroit Water Film	<p>Sustainability Film Series</p> <p>Marvin I. Danto Engineering Development Center Auditorium Engineering Building, Room 1507 5050 Anthony Wayne Drive Detroit MI 6 pm, Free to the public</p> <p>For more information on the series, contact Daryl Pierson, Office of Campus Sustainability at (313) 577-5068 or darylpierson@wayne.edu</p>	<p>Film Title: Flow Introduction: Dr. Carol Miler, Professor of Civil & Environmental Engineering Subject: The challenges local water sources face from bottled water companies. Discussion/Volunteer Group: Flow for Water, a Traverse City non-profit</p>
Thursday April 19	Troy Clinton River Watershed Council Annual Dinner	<p>40th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner</p> <p>April 19th, 2012 5:00pm-8:00pm Petruzzello's in Troy \$40/person</p> <p>Registration for this event is required: Please contact 248-601-0606 or email contact@crwc.org</p>	<p>Watershed Exhibit Hall and Cash Bar 5:00pm Strolling Dinner 5:00pm Presentation Begins at 6:30pm 40th Anniversary Highlights Presentation of Awards</p>
Saturday April 28	Trenton Detroit River clean-up	<p>Friends of the Detroit River 9am – 2pm Volunteers with and without small outboard boats are welcome.</p> <p>Meet at Trenton Rotary Park, foot of Harrison St, just off W. Jefferson.</p>	<p>Friends of the Detroit River annual clean-up of the shores and small islands in the lower Detroit River. Pick up litter and debris on the shores of the dikes, islands and bays in the river.</p> <p>Picnic lunch will be provided for</p>

		For info and if you are bringing a boat, call 1.734.676.4626 after 4pm.	participants. Visit www.detroitriver.org

Ongoing Events

The DTE Energy Green Team	For more information about the DTE Energy Green Team, contact Bert Urbani at 313.235.8624 or urbanir@dteenergy.com .
Employee Engagement Opportunities	It's not too early to start thinking about engaging your co-workers in a meaningful activity that makes a tangible difference in the communities we serve. Contact Bert Urbani at urbanir@dteenergy.com or 313.235.8624 to begin the discussion of getting your group involved with planting trees (sometimes funded by the DTE Energy Foundation), restoring wildlife habitat, building observation decks, etc.
DTE Energy Gardens	Thanks to everyone who volunteered with the DTE Energy Gardens this year. For more info, contact Marc Zupmore at 313.235.3579 or visit http://www.dteenergy.com/dteEnergyCompany/community/careCorps/gardens.html
Detroit Riverfront Conservancy	The Detroit RiverFront Conservancy serves more than two million visitors a year through events and activities both small and large-an accomplishment that could not happen without the dedicated support of a volunteer corps that eagerly donates their time and unique talent. No matter where your interest lies, we can use you to continue making the Riverfront a beautiful, clean, safe and accessible gathering place for all. Every volunteer receives appropriate training and rewards for hours worked, along with a chance to develop new friendships while sharing your pride for the Riverfront and our City. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, you may access and print our on-line application and waiver form and return it to the Conservancy by either mail or fax. Come join us and share your talent and enthusiasm for the Riverfront! http://www.detroitriverfront.org/supportus/volunteer.asp
The Greening of Detroit	The Greening of Detroit needs volunteers to plant trees in the city every Saturday during spring and fall! If you are interested in volunteering, contact Justin Wojciak, volunteer coordinator, in advance at volunteer@greeningofdetroit.com or (313)285-1258.
Cranbrook Institute of Science	As a volunteer, you are a vital member of the Institute's team. You can share your time and talent in so many ways. We will work with you to choose the right volunteer position at a time that meets your needs. Most positions require little to no background and training is always provided. Several times a year, the Institute hosts volunteer open houses where you can come and learn about what it's like to volunteer here and receive a tour. http://science.cranbrook.edu/
The Nature Conservancy	The Nature Conservancy offers many opportunities across the state to volunteer your time with both indoor and outdoor conservation activities. Specific contact persons are listed for the various regions and sites, as well as an online volunteer registration form. See their website http://www.nature.org/ .

Earthworks Urban Farm	Earthworks Urban Farm, a program of Capuchin Soup Kitchen, needs your help. Regular Open Volunteer Hours. For more information visit their web site (http://www.cskdetroit.org/earthworks) or contact gmeyer@cskdetroit.org or call 313.579-2100 ext. 204.
Eastern Market	Each week as many as 40,000 people flock to Eastern Market for its Saturday Market to enjoy one of the most authentic urban adventures in the United States. The market and the adjacent district are rare finds in a global economy - a local food district with more than 250 independent vendors and merchants processing, wholesaling, and retailing food. Come on down and join the fiesta. Devour the great bounty of Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario harvests, find paradise in the dazzling array of plants and flowers, and relish the rich history and colorful stories of the market and its characters. http://www.detroiteasternmarket.com/index.php
Kalamazoo Nature Center	Visit www.naturecenter.org for the many great events happening in Kalamazoo area!
Michigan Department of Natural Resources	The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has many ongoing programs and one-time drop-in opportunities to keep the state clean and healthy. For more information, see http://michigan.gov/dnr .
Arts & Scraps	Arts and Scraps is a non-profit, Detroit-area organization that teaches kids how to make art projects out of recycled materials. They offer birthday parties (your place or theirs) and other great fun opportunities. http://artsandscraps.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=16&Itemid=4
Frederik Meijer Gardens	Great things are always happening at the Frederik Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids. http://www.meijergardens.org/calendar/
The Detroit Garden Center	The Detroit Garden Center is a 501c3 nonprofit volunteer organization serving metropolitan Detroit since 1932 in areas of gardening, beautification, and horticulture through lectures, tours, workshops, outreach programs, and an extensive horticulture library. http://www.detroitgardencenter.org/
Huron Clinton Metroparks	There are so many great things happening in the Huron-Clinton Metroparks system; too much in fact to list here! Check-out their website to find an event close to you! http://www.metroparks.com/calendar.aspx
Michigan State Parks Recreation Passport	The Recreation Passport is Michigan's solution for funding your favorite recreation destinations, and it begins October 1, 2010. Instead of spending \$24 for an annual motor vehicle permit or boating access permit, you will now be asked to support the Recreation Passport with a \$10 fee when renewing your vehicle registration with the Secretary of State. Your one time annual fee will go towards the following: 80% will be used to rebuild and maintain your state parks and recreation areas. 10% will be directed to your county, city and township parks through grant funding. 7% will go toward your state forest campgrounds, pathways and non-motorized trails. 2.75% will support your state park cultural and historic resources. 0.25% will be used to educate and update you on the value of the Recreation Passport. For more information click here: http://www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport
Organization for Bat Conservation	The Organization for Bat Conservation is dedicated to protecting bats, other wildlife, and the ecosystems they need to survive. We have the largest grass-roots bat conservation education program in the United States, presenting more than 1,500 live shows to over 250,000 people annually. Live animal exhibits are also provided for museums, science centers, wildlife festivals, and more, including the permanent exhibit at Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. Live programs throughout Michigan all summer long! http://www.batconservation.org/drupal/

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