



The Huron Valley Group, the Third Decade, 1980 - 1989

—1982—

- Twelve members: J. Woodward, L. Taylor, Sarton, A. Wolfe, Powers, Freg, Pankow, Kidder, Armstrong, D. Diephois, Dueml, and N. Roller participate in the HVG Conservation Committee.

- HVG monthly: Legal Aspects of Toxic Substance Disposal

—1983—

- Jan. 6, 1983: HB623, a bill to designate certain public lands in the State of Michigan as wilderness and for other purposes; introduced by Dale Kildee (it dies without consideration).

Previous attempts have also failed.

—1982-1985—

- Ann Arbor Community Natural Features Inventory.



Bruce Trail, Ontario, Canada



By
Ginny Maturen

For part-one, the 60's, of the history of the Sierra Club Huron Valley Group, please see the Winter 2016 Lookout; for part-two, the 70's, please see the Spring 2017 issue of The Lookout.

- Favorite Outings:
Bruce Trail, Ontario, Canada
Cornwall Flats (Old Logging Site)
AA Ski and Chili Feed
Maple Syrup Tap
Winter Wildlife Hike
Ice Skating

- In 1985 the HVG held its monthly meetings at the Ann Arbor Public Library.
- Newsletter Features: Boot Care (D. Hack)
- Michigan Wilderness Heritage Act Introduction.
- The Future of Food and Farming in Washtenaw County (N. Green)

Note: The HVG SC March/April 1985, Vol. VIII, No.2
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—1982-1985 continued—

- Outings: Outing Leader Training Course
Waterloo Recreation Area Hike
Saginaw Woods Walk
Island Lake Hike*
Algoma Rail Backpack, Oct. 1985
Picnic Potluck - Island Park

—1986—

- Favored Outings of the Huron Valley Sierra written by members of the Huron Valley Group editorial committee: Bob Cornish, Charlotte Lawrence, Vince Smith. Published by Sara Jennings Press, Ann Arbor, MI.

- Outings in 1986
North Country Trail Building article mentions Loda Lake Wildflower Sanctuary
Quehanna Wildness Rome

—1987—

- Government Island Overnight (1987?):
Langton & Cheryl Wedding
- Outings in 1987:|
Winter Innisfree Ski Trip
Big Two Heart Camping
- Conservation: Part II Resolution to place a 0.5 ml. Parkland Acquisition Millage on Ballot.
- Outings: Outing Leader Training Course
Waterloo Recreation Area Hike*
Saginaw Woods Walk
Island Lake Hike*



Isle Royale: Back Row: Jim Hewins, Jan Oleszewski, Jack Woodward, Barb Powell, Ralph Powell, Nancy Shiffler; Front Row Charlotte Wyche, Vince Smith



Ken Langton & Cheryl Wedding

From the Preface of "Favored Outings of the Huron Valley Sierra:

"Uniqueness comes ... from the mixed coverage of several different kinds of outings absence of concentration on particular geographic region personal reportage..."Content is divided into four parts:

- Outings as We See Them:
- Ann Arbor Area Outings
- Michigan Outings
- Distant Outings



Algoma Rail Backpack, Oct. 1985



Bruce Trail, 1985:
Back row: Jim Harris, unknown?, unknown?, Denny Burr, unknown?, Fred Harris (hat), Charlotte Lawrence Wyche, Nancy Shiffler, Betsy Foote, Don Hack; Front row: Ann Cassazza Reinstien, Vince Smith, Connie Zatsick.

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—1987 continued—

- Michigan Wilderness Heritage Act passes and protects 90,000 acres of old-growth forest, spectacular dunes, and remote lakes. It has been a 10-year battle.

- Outings in 1987:
 - AA Ski and Chili Feed
 - Maple Syrup Tap
 - Winter Wildlife Hike
 - Ice Skating

- Conservation: Ann Arbor Recycling Coalition Solid Waste Management (Cowherd/Shiffler).

- Summary Land Use Policy Plan North Main Street/Huron River Corridor (AA Downtown Plan concept Development).

—1988—

- Outings in 1988:
 - Wilderness Ski Trip
 - Outdoor Skills Training (B. Foote/Hack)
 - Wilderness Ski Trip
 - Cosair Ski Trip
 - Potawatomi Trail and Lunch at Silver Lake

- Sierra Club Huron Valley Group newsletter printed on 8 ½ x 14" do

—1989—

- Conservation: Sierra Club makes a strong environmental statement on population.
- 4 yrs., 9 mo. City council continues to delay vote on Recycling Ordinance (D. Cowherd).
- Twining Property addition to Bird Hills Park
- Third Annual Sierra Club Assembly in Ann Arbor (D. Scott).
- Report of the HVG on the Third International Assembly of the Sierra Club, October.



Tawas Trip: Bob Cornish, Ken Langton

Cornwall Flats (Old Logging Site)



Isle Royale: Jan Dieszkeski (Lansing), Vince Smith, Jim Hewins, Jack Woodward, Charlotte Wyche, Nancy Shiffler



Island Lake Hike* with Vince Smith



1987 Bruce Trail

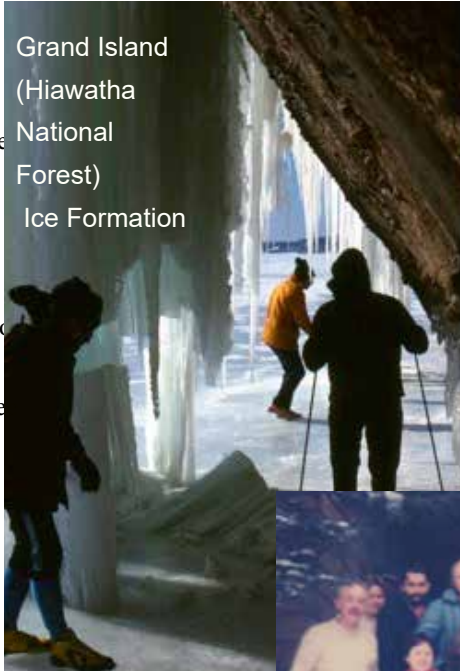


Cheryl, Pat Baur, Rachel Shaw (Ed. Newsletter).

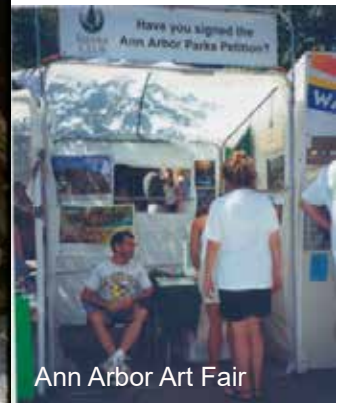
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—1989 continued—

- Conservation: Sierra Club makes a strong environmental statement on population.
- 4 yrs., 9 mo. City council continues to delay vote on Recycling Ordinance (D. Cowherd).
- Twining Property addition to Bird Hills Park
- Stopping Junk Mail at the Source” (Krohn).
- NOTE: On April 2, AA residents will be voting on Environmental Bond Proposal.
- Political: HVG SCOPE - Sierra Club Committee on Political Education.
- Outings:
 - Base camp at Green Lake Campground
 - Day Outings Leader Training
 - N. Manitou Service Trip*
- Grand Island (Hiawatha Nat'l Forest) Ice Formation



Grand Island
(Hiawatha
National
Forest)
Ice Formation



Ann Arbor Art Fair

—1988-1994—

- Toxic Deep Injection Wells and Toxic Disposal Site in Augusta Township (Cowherd, Griess, Shiffler).
- Akron Landfill - Stoney Creek & Saline R. (Coordinate with the Ecology Center).
- Water Action, DNR Raisin River RAP, DNR Soil Conservation Service (Bell, Griess, Kroeger, MacFarland- Ruark, Shiffler, Sklar, Roller).



1987 Winter
Innisfree Ski
Trip.



Jan. 1988: Sleeping Bear Ski Trip



Big Two Heart Camping



Growing For Change

I recently had the opportunity to attend a weekend workshop as part of the Sierra Club's Growing For Change effort. For Change will gather all Sierra Club staff (all are required to attend) as well as dozens of volunteers throughout 2017 to deepen our collective commitment to equity, inclusion and justice across the organization. The hope is that at the end of this year the Sierra Club will have a collective language and a better understanding of our role fighting systematic oppression, both within the Club and in our collaborations with our partners and society. I hope to share more about this effort over the coming months, but for now I wanted to share my personal impressions.

As part of the workshop, which was facilitated by Partners for Collaborative Change, we learned a great deal about the fraught history of the Sierra Club, a 125-year legacy which reflects many of the conflicts and struggles

faced by our society as a whole, and which still challenge us today. It is not expected that this effort will 'solve' anything, at least in the short term. Sierra Club staff have already been participating in equity training and in a pre-workshop process of assessing identity-based oppression. This is simply the next step for our organization.

For me, this is simply another step in my own transition. I can say that my experience at the workshop was both very rewarding and very **challenging**. It can be difficult to face parts of ourselves which we would rather not see, and difficult to see/hear the pain and frustration experienced by fellow Club members. I came away with a better understanding of the challenges facing other attendees, as well as having benefitted from sharing some of my own history. It does help to have the feeling that we are beginning to all be on the same page, even if we start at different places and still have a long way to go.

By Kimberly
Schlegel

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Potowatomi Trail and Lunch at Silver Lake



Wilderness Ski Trip



Cosair Ski Trip

Line 5 Alternatives Analysis Report State Announces 3 Public Feedback Sessions of Final Version

LANSING, Mich. Nov. 8, 2017 – Three public feedback sessions have been scheduled in December so the public can suggest the next steps the State should take regarding Line 5, based on information in the final version of the independent Alternatives Analysis. The report is scheduled to be released publicly on Nov. 20, and comments will be accepted online or by mail until Dec. 22.

The report by independent contractor Dynamic Risk Assessment Systems, Inc. analyzed alternatives to using Line 5, owned by Enbridge Energy Partners, L.P., to transport light crude oil and natural gas liquids from Superior, Wisc., through the Straits of Mackinac to Sarnia, Ontario, Canada.

The draft report was released in July, followed by one public information meeting, three public feedback sessions, and a 45-day period where the public could offer comments and replies to comments on the report. All comments and replies to comments were considered for inclusion into the final report.

After the State completes its review of the alternatives report, Enbridge has five business days beginning on Nov. 13 to review the report ahead of its public release a week later. Under Enbridge's formal agreement with the state to provide funding for the Alternatives Analysis report, the company cannot ask for or have any changes made to the document.

Details about the public feedback opportunities

❖ **Wednesday, Dec. 6, in Taylor, beginning at 6 p.m., at the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center, Wayne County Community College District, Downriver Campus, 21000 Northline Road.**

❖ **Tuesday, Dec. 12, in St. Ignace, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Little Bear Arena & Community Center, 275 Marquette St.**

❖ **Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Traverse City, beginning at 6 p.m., at the West Bay Beach Holiday Inn Resort, Leelanau Banquet Rooms, 615 E. Front St.**

With the report's release Nov. 20 on the Pipeline Safety Advisory Board website, a 30-day window opens for online comments about what

the State should do regarding the future of Line 5. The Dec. 22 deadline for comments includes two additional days to account for the Thanksgiving state holidays during the comment period. Comments can also be mailed to: Department of Environmental Quality, Attn: Line 5 Alternatives Analysis, P.O. Box 30473, Lansing, MI 48909-7973.

The Michigan Agency for Energy (MAE), Michigan Attorney Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will use the Alternatives Analysis and a pending independent Risk Analysis to ensure the informational basis for any decision about the future of Line 5 is robust and complete.

The State of Michigan in August 2016 commissioned independent contractors to complete an alternatives analysis and risk analysis. The risk analysis was not completed after an apparent conflict of interest was discovered on the study team. Dr. Guy Meadows of Michigan Technological University is in discussions with the State to put together a team of academic experts from colleges and universities to perform a new risk analysis.

Built in 1953, Line 5 is 645 miles long and transports up to 540,000 barrels a day of light crude oil and natural gas liquids. A 4.5-mile section runs beneath the Straits of Mackinac within an easement issued in 1953 by the State of Michigan.

Pipeline Safety Advisory Board meetings

The next quarterly meeting of the state's Pipeline Safety Advisory Board (PSAB) is Dec. 11. The location is the Causeway Bay Lansing Hotel and Convention Center, Ballrooms F-J, 6820 S. Cedar St., Lansing. The PSAB, created by Executive Order 2015-1r2, is charged with making recommendations or advising the State on pipeline issues. It also advises state agencies on matters related to pipeline routing, construction, operation, and maintenance, as well as ensuring public transparency. While the PSAB advises the state on matters concerning energy pipelines, it does not have decision-making authority and it does not control the contract administration.

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Sierra Club—Huron Valley Group Calendar



Participants in Sierra Club outings will be asked to sign a liability waiver. If you wish to read the waiver before coming to an outing please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call 415-977-5630. When carpooling is used to facilitate logistics for an outing, participants assume the risks associated with this travel, as well. Carpooling, ride sharing and the like are strictly a private arrangement among participants. Park fees may apply. **For up to date information, visit our website at <http://www.michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/>**

The General Meetings of the Sierra Club Huron Valley Group are held every third Tuesday of the month, 7:30 pm. Free and open to the public. Metered parking fees go to the Botanical Gardens. Information: Contact: Rita L. Mitchell (734) 665-0248, ritalmitchell@gmail.com.

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 -- 7:30 PM -- Monthly general meeting, “**Birding the North Country Trail.**” Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI). Join Thomas Funke, author of “50 Hikes on the North Country Trail” and “50 Hikes in Michigan's Upper Peninsula” as he shares his experiences as a hiker and birdwatcher hiking the North Country Trail. This longest of National Scenic trails is over twice as long as the Appalachian Trail at 4,600 miles. Funke has hiked over 2000 miles, making him an elite North Country Trail hiker. He recently hiked the Border Route, a 65-mile wilderness hike through the Boundary Waters. Funke is an avid birder and just retired from a 20-year career with Michigan Audubon as a volunteer, board member, and conservation director.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 -- 7:30 PM -- Huron Valley Group Book Club. Book: “The Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses, and Citizens Can Save the Planet,” by Michael Bloomberg and Carl Pope. Nicola's Books (Westgate Shopping Center 2513 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor, MI). Contact: Nancy Shiffler (734) 971-1157, nshiffler@comcast.net. How to get involved? It's easy. Read the book and come to discuss.

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 -- 7:30 PM -- Monthly general meeting, “**Tales and Travels of the Huron Valley Group**”. Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI). It's a tradition! Our year-end meeting, when members of the Huron Valley Group present photos and tell stories of our travels. Bring your favorite slides and share your experiences. We'll inspire each other as we show how we appreciate the Sierra Club motto to explore, enjoy and protect our planet. Do you have slides of a trip or local outing that you want to show at the meeting? Bring a flash drive or CD with your favorites for a 5-minute presentation, and we'll be ready to hear all about your experiences.

Tuesday, January 09, 2018 -- 7:30 PM -- Huron Valley Group Book Club. Book: “The Songs of Trees: Stories from Nature's Great Connectors,” by David George Haskell. Nicola's Books (Westgate Shopping Center 2513 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor, MI). Contact: Nancy Shiffler (734) 971-1157, nshiffler@comcast.net. How to get involved? It's easy. Read the book and come to discuss.

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Tuesday, January 16, 2018 -- 7:30 PM -- Monthly general meeting, **“GoGreenBlue! Renewable Energy for U.”** Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI). After a successful professional career in clean energy and transportation technology, Craig Toepfer moved to the woods west of Chelsea into a home with a view that was in need of an energy makeover. The solar array that he installed now powers his home and vehicles. Craig’s knowledge and experience in working with clean energy inspired his latest endeavor: A petition requesting U of M to GoGreenBlue, an initiative to turn North Campus into a global solar model and to support a world class curriculum for alternative energy solutions to use of fossil fuels. Join us to discuss!

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 -- 7:30 PM -- Huron Valley Group Book Club. Book: “Facing the Anthropocene: Fossil Capitalism and the Crisis of the Earth System,” by Ian Angus. Nicola's Books (Westgate Shopping Center 2513 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor, MI). Contact: Nancy Shiffler (734) 971-1157, nshiffler@comcast.net. How to get involved? It's easy. Read the book and come to discuss.

Tuesday, February 20, 2018 -- 7:30 PM — Monthly general meeting, **“A Deep Discussion of Ann Arbor’s Dioxane Plume.”** Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI). Starting in the early 1960s and into the early 1980s an underground plume of water contaminated with 1-4, dioxane discharged from Gelman Sciences manufacturing processes has moved in the direction of Ann Arbor’s drinking water supply. Tracking the speed and direction of migration of the water has been problematic. Remediation has been inconsistent. Regulations have changed over time, from 3 parts per billion to 85 to the recently established 7.2 parts per billion allowable in drinking water. We will welcome a panel of experts in water quality, testing, and toxicity to discuss the history and actions that we can take to move to an improved and reliable source of water. Come with your questions!

Tuesday, March 20, 2018 -- 7:30 PM — Monthly general meeting, **“Sustainability and Social Justice.”** Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI). The future is a story yet to be written, but in our ever-changing world, we feel uncertain about where the next chapters will take us. What would an alternative story look like, and how can our educational system help shift the narrative? Award-winning educator and author Susan Santone, Executive Director of Creative Change Educational Solutions, will show what’s possible if we reorient education around sustainability and social justice.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 -- 7:30 PM — Monthly general meeting, **“Biking Adventures in Croatia.”** Matthaei Botanical Gardens (1800 N. Dixboro Rd., Ann Arbor, MI). Travel with Marty Cooperman, along the Adriatic coast, and learn some methods for engaging with the natives and managing the challenges of mountain biking in a unique scenic area, Croatia. Think of clear skies and azure waters. We will hear of his experiences on Adriatic beaches, watching the sun set over the fishing boats in the harbor, delightful food, and perfect autumn weather. Get ready to do some travel planning!

Enviro Groups Sue to Stop NEXUS Fracked Gas Pipeline

Monday, November 6, 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Today, Appalachian Mountain Advocates (Appalmad), on behalf of the Sierra Club, filed a petition with the federal Court of Appeals for the Washington, D.C. Circuit to prevent the construction of the fracked gas NEXUS pipeline while the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) reviews the group's earlier request for rehearing, calling for a new and comprehensive examination of whether the NEXUS pipeline is necessary. However, FERC often issues tolling orders in these circumstances, essentially delaying the decision process indefinitely so that by the time important legal considerations are heard, the pipeline could already be constructed. If the litigation is successful, FERC's certificate and order authorizing NEXUS to begin construction would be halted until FERC makes a decision on their request for rehearing. FERC is charged with determining whether or not a proposed gas pipeline is necessary and appropriate for meeting a region's energy needs before that project can be built. FERC granted that status to the NEXUS pipeline on August 25, but Appalmad and the Sierra Club contend that the NEXUS pipeline is duplicative of other existing and proposed energy sources, meaning there is little need for it, and it will have higher transport costs than those alternative sources.

Over its 255 miles, NEXUS would pump fracked gas from Columbiana County, Ohio to Ypsilanti Township, Michigan, crossing numerous waterways along the way. NEXUS has manufactured demand for the pipeline by steering its affiliate utilities companies, DTE Electric and DTE Gas, to agree to buy gas from NEXUS at above-market rates and then pass those excess costs onto their captive ratepayers. DTE Energy is a 50% shareholder of NEXUS and parent of DTE Electric and DTE Gas. A recent report by Oil Change International and the Sierra Club outlines how companies engage in self-dealing on pipelines.

In response, Chair of the Sierra Club Michigan Chapter Executive Committee David Holtz released the following statement "Fracked

gas pipelines like NEXUS are dirty, dangerous relics of the last century's energy mix and the court should stop its construction until FERC has publicly ruled on whether or not it will sufficiently examine the harms posed by this pipeline. This pipeline isn't just a threat to our clean air and water, it's simply not necessary, and is merely an attempt by NEXUS to boost its own profits at our expense using a self-dealing scheme.

Ohioans, Michiganders, and everyone who breathes our air deserves a complete review instead of the rushed rubber stamping process FERC is known for."

About the Sierra Club

The Sierra Club is America's largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization, with more than 3 million members and supporters. In addition to helping people from all backgrounds explore nature and our outdoor heritage, the Sierra Club works to promote clean energy, safeguard the health of our communities, protect wildlife, and preserve our remaining wild places through grassroots activism, public education, lobbying, and legal action. For more information, visit www.sierraclub.org.

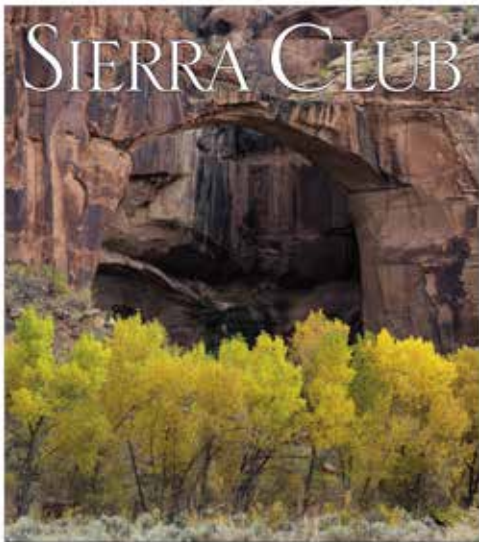
About Appalachian Mountain Advocates

Appalachian Mountain Advocates (Appalmad) is a non-profit law and policy center dedicated to fighting for clean water and a clean energy future. Appalmad has a long history of winning precedent-setting court cases and negotiating costly settlements. The organization has secured hundreds of millions of dollars towards conserving natural areas and treating polluted water. We have worked for nearly two decades to ensure the fossil fuel industry cannot continue to dump its costs of doing business onto the public. For more information, visit www.appalmad.org.

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***Suit Argues
DC Court
of Appeals
Should Pause
Construction
While Appeal
Runs its
Course***



WILDERNESS CALENDAR | 2018

Wilderness Wall Calendar:
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\$16 each

When purchased through your local HVG group, this contributes to our local conservation efforts.

Calendars are available at the HVG monthly meeting at Matthaei Botanical Garden (third Tuesday of each month), while supplies last. Contact Kimberly Schlegel for details: kimpschlegel@comcast.net.



ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR | 2018

Growing Sierra Club is Hiring in Michigan!

The Sierra Club will expand its capacity to tackle environmental threats in Michigan by adding two new positions to its staff in 2018. If you like a challenge, want to work for positive change, and build a better world for future generations, then you could be a good fit for Sierra Club Michigan.

We are currently looking for qualified candidates for a part-time Green Stormwater Infrastructure Organizer position in Detroit who will educate citizens and help install rain gardens and rain barrels in urban communities. We also seek applicants for a part-time Great Lakes Regional Organizer in our Lansing office who will work on our fight to shut down Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline as well as other challenges to the Great Lakes.

The job description and application information for the Great

Lakes Regional Organizer is found here:

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Stormwater Infrastructure Organizer, click here:

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A Reminder to designate the Sierra Club/Huron Valley Group for your Busch's MyWay - Cash for Education program in 2018



By
Ginny Maturen

During December, it is important to go to Buschs.com and click on your MyWay account. Sign in. Scroll down to Cash for Education. Then you can designate the Sierra Club/Huron Valley Group for each quarter of 2018.

If you don't have a MyWay Account, you can go Buschs.com and sign up for one. The instructions are quite straightforward. You need an email address and you will have to create a password.

Other ways to participate in the Huron Valley Group's Shopping for the Earth program are:

- Sign up or use your ShopwithScrip account.
- Participate in the Kroger Community Awards program.
- Shop at Arbor Farms and when you check out, identify Sierra Club Huron Valley Group.
- Purchase gift cards for the Peoples Food Coop, Produce Station and Arbor Brewing.

Volunteer Opportunities to Help Preserve Our Local Natural Areas

City of Ann Arbor NAP:

By Stephen
Brown

The City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Dept. maintains a group devoted to Natural Area Preservation (NAP). This city office organizes frequent activities to improve and maintain natural areas that are part of the City's Park system. Their goal is to maintain biodiversity and restore damaged ecosystems, and they organize frequent events for volunteers to assist them in the field. No training or experience is required to begin, and the well-trained professional staff provides an excellent hands-on education of the diverse habitats and ecosystems found in Ann Arbor. Events are year-round, and can be found on their web site: <http://www.a2gov.org/departments/ParksRecreation/>

[NAP/volunteering/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.a2gov.org/departments/ParksRecreation/NAP/volunteering/Pages/default.aspx) Huron Valley Watershed Council :

The Huron Valley Watershed Council has been dedicated to maintaining healthy natural habitat for streams and lakes within the Huron River watershed since 1965 . The professional staff often needs volunteers to help them monitor stream health through water sampling, insect counts, flow measurements, and plant surveys. The HVWC schedules events year-round that can be found on this web site: <http://www.hrwc.org/volunteer/>

These events are excellent opportunities to learn more about our native environment and its natural history, meet other people of all ages, and help preserve it for future generations. My son participated in his first River Roundup at the age of 4-the entire family is encouraged to participate.

Sierra Club Opposes Redirection of County Parks Millage



By James
D'Amour

[Ann Arbor]: The Sierra Club, Huron Valley Group announced its concern regarding a proposal aired by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners to redirect \$15 million from the Natural Area Parks and Preservation millage passed by voters in 2000 and renewed in 2010.

The \$15M is to establish an “endowment fund” over the next three years to pay for operations, maintenance, and monitoring of acquired parks and conservations easements acquired under the millage in the past 16 years.

“We certainly support robust stewardship of our parks and natural areas, as well as looking after our easements acquired by the citizens of Washtenaw County,” remarked James D’Amour, Vice-Chair of the Sierra Club Huron Valley Group. “However, we do not support the establishment of a \$15 Million endowment from the NAPP millage proceeds as proposed at the Sept. 21, 2017 Working Session.”

“We believe diverting \$15 Million from the NAPP millage proceeds over such a short time period would deprive the program of funds for land acquisition and conservation easements. While well meaning, this is the wrong approach.”

“Stewardship of the NAPP preserves has been ongoing and funded by the NAPP mill-

age. The annual revenue from the millage is about \$3.5M and stewardship allocation is currently about \$600K. Park staff are concerned about continued stewardship funding if the current millage were not renewed in 2020. However, funding a \$15M endowment now would essentially consume all current millage proceeds (and more), depriving the NAPP program of funds for land acquisition or conservation easements (CEs). There are a number of excellent properties being considered for the NAPP program, and it would be a substantial loss of trust and momentum for the program to divert this amount of funding entirely for stewardship the next few years.”

“This is breaking a promise to the people of Washtenaw County.”

“We suggest this as a possible alternative...”

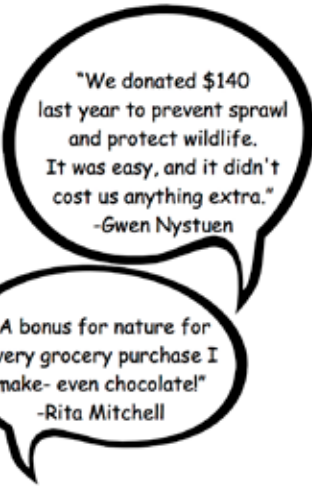
“Long-term stewardship of NAPP properties is essential and is an appropriate concern. Washtenaw County has strongly supported the NAPP millage in the past, and we would suggest that a renewal of the millage consider, in part, funding a long-term stewardship plan. Pending renewal/revision of the millage, a short-term stewardship fund might be considered, e.g., a 3-year buffer fund to set aside an additional \$600K annually to build a \$1.8M fund to be used if needed if a millage renewal is elayed.”

“We urge the County to move in a more appropriate direction suggested here.”



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-Gwen Nystuen

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- ✓ Giving as gifts
- ✓ Planned purchases like appliances
- ✓ Making online purchases



Mail-in Order Form

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Ann Arbor People's Food Co-op	_____ cards @ \$25 ea	_____ cards @ \$50 ea	_____ cards @ \$200 ea
Arbor Brewing Company	_____ cards @ \$25 ea		
Arbor Farms	no card--just tell the cashier that you're donating to the Sierra Club		
Busch's	_____ cards @ no cost - add money when shopping at Busch's		
Produce Station	_____ cards @ \$25 ea	_____ cards @ \$50 ea	
Meijers	Please order both through Shopwithscrip - see: michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/glscrip.htm		
Whole Foods	For help with Shopwithscrip contact Ed Steinman (esteinma@umich.edu)		
Hiller's Markets	Obtain card at Hiller's and register it at hillers.reachoffers.com then donate your rewards		
Kroger	Obtain card at Kroger's and register it at krogercommunityrewards.com so that the Sierra Club receives a donation from your reloads - see http://michigan.sierraclub.org/kroger.htm		
Reloadable cards! The Sierra Club receives a contribution each time you reload, so only one card is needed per person.			
Not reloadable —consider ordering several			

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Date _____

Email: _____

- Please send me local Sierra Club email updates
- Please send me the local Sierra Club newsletter
- Your information will not be shared with any group.

Mail with your check payable to "Sierra Club - Huron Valley Group" to:
Ed Steinman (esteinma@umich.edu)
621 5th St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103



**Huron
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How to Get HVG reminders via email!

At each HVG general meeting, there is an email sign up list. For those who missed it, or haven't joined us at a meeting, here's how you can get our general meeting reminders.

If you would like to receive email notices of each month's Huron Valley Group general meeting and occasional notices about other local Sierra Club activities send an email to Ed Steinman at lighthawk.pilot@gmail.com with your name and "HVG email list" in the body of the message.

Are You A New Member?

Welcome to the Huron Valley Group of the Sierra Club. When you join the Sierra Club you are automatically a member of a local group, as well as a state chapter and the national organization. Membership entitles you to this newsletter as well as all editions of the state and national member publications. Check this page for our Directory with contacts on conservation, outings, political action, and the Inner City Outings program. Check the calendar in the middle of this issue for announcements of Monthly Public Program topics and our calendar of activities. We will be glad to see you at our next meeting or answer any questions if you care to call. Please take advantage of your membership as an opportunity to enjoy, preserve and protect our natural environment!



**Be a champion for the environment.
Join today.**

From delisting endangered species like the Gray Wolf to drilling for dirty tar sands oil, the threats to our environment have never been greater.

Your support is absolutely essential to preserving our most precious natural resources - join the nation's largest and most effective grassroots movement today.

As a special thank you, we'll send you a free field messenger bag as well as these exciting Members-only benefits:



- Free Sierra Club Field Messenger Bag (limited time!)
- One-year subscription to Sierra magazine
- Worldwide Members-only outdoor trips
- Automatic membership in your local Chapter
- Discounts on Sierra Club calendars, books, and other merchandise

\$15 annual membership

**To join:
<https://goo.gl/2saK.dY>**

Huron Valley Group Executive Committee StatementCandidates



Ginny Maturen

I have been serving as your treasurer for the past 7 years. In that time the job of Treasurer has expanded. I have worked hard to fulfill this expanding role. I am willing to continue in this position and ask for your support.

As Treasurer, I have fulfilled the fiduciary responsibilities of the position. Additionally, I have assisted with maintaining reliable sources for ongoing funding while being alert to new opportunities and sources. I have also played a role in making recommendations for the expenditure of monies while monitoring the fiscal soundness of the Sierra Club Huron Valley Group. I present a yearly budget proposal to your ExCom for their review and approval.

In the next several years, the challenges to our environment at the local, state and national levels will increase. I welcome the opportunity to work with a dedicated group of people to address these challenges.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kimberly Schlegel

I am currently completing my sixth term on the HVG Executive Committee, and it continues to be a rewarding and eye-opening experience. While some other areas of my life have changed, my commitment to supporting our local environmental effort remain clear. I have learned a great deal about local politics and how a group of determined volunteers can influence this process. Serving on the HVG Executive Committee has also helped me put a local face to issues which affect us globally and nationally.

In addition to my Executive Committee role as fundraising co-chair, I've worn various other hats -- all of which put a practical/tangible spin on things I can do to help the HVG. I'm now starting my eighth year as editor of the HVG newsletter,

The Lookout, which has also been challenging and illuminating. You may also have encountered me in my role as "Art Fair Czarina" and/or "Calendar Czarina". I recently attended one of the Sierra Club's Growing For Change workshops and came away inspired as well as challenged by our efforts at inclusion, equity and justice. I look forward to continuing these conversations and helping to advance the goals of the Sierra Club if elected to another term.



Nancy Shiffler

Sierra Club offices held: Current chair of the Huron Valley Group Executive Committee; emeritus member of the state Chapter Executive Committee.

As a member since 1981, I have found that the uniqueness of the Sierra Club flows from participation at the grassroots:

- The heart of the club is its volunteers. The club provides a place for members to grow and be effective as activists.
- By working together and supporting each other in our environmental work, we understand we are not alone in the battles we fight and we can reach out to others in their fights.
- The Sierra Club is a democratic organization; it is both the right and the responsibility of its members to become involved in its governance.

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Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Executive Committee Ballot 2017

Nancy Shiffler candidate statement continued from pg. 14

We are facing any number of important environmental issues in our three-county area -- public transit, factory farms, water quality, pollution, energy (renewables and efficiency, oil and gas drilling, pipelines), the protection of parks and natural areas -- and across the state and nation. Our capacity to

act on these issues is bounded only by the willingness of our members to become involved. As a member of our Executive Committee I will help to continue our work on these important issues and I invite all our members to join us in that work.

The Huron Valley Group Executive Committee (ExCom) is selected by you.
Ballot instructions and anonymity guarantee:

1. Please mark up to four votes [there are five candidates running] on the ballot provided. Only those ballots with a membership number on the attached mailing label are eligible.
2. After marking your ballot, remove this entire back page from the newsletter.
3. Fold the bottom third up to conceal your votes, and fold the top third over to show your mailing label.
4. Return your ballot in a sealed envelope either by hand at the December 19th HVG meeting or by mail to: HVG Election, c/o William Kidd, 906 Pauline, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103. Mailed ballots must be received by December 19, 2017 to be counted. To vote on the web please use the link on the HVG web site.

Sierra Club Huron Valley Group Executive Committee Ballot 2017

Three to be elected to 2-year terms beginning January 2018 - Vote for up to 3.
Second column of boxes is for second voter in the same household.

Ginny Maturen

Kimberly Schlegel

Nancy Shiffler

Write In



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The fabulous Sierra Club Calendars, 2018 edition, are available! Buy for a gift or for yourself. Sierra Club calendars include some of the best nature photos to inspire us to explore, enjoy, and protect the planet. We will have calendars for purchase December 19, 2017 at our General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor

Wilderness Wall Calendar \$15
Engagement Calendar: \$16

