



The Huron Valley Group, the Fourth Decade, 1990 - 1999

1990: Significant Actions

Position Policy on the disposal of “low-level” radioactive waste under the Federal Low-Level radioactive Waste Policy Act

EARTH Day is 20.

Conservation: Priorities 1990 survey results:

- Solid Waste issues

- Toxic wastes

- City/township land use policy

- Huron River Corridor protections’

- City/country air quality issues’

- Bike paths and routes

- Get the Vote: “Vote Green”!

Greenscam: Everybody’s An Environmentalist

HVG Newsletter improved publication.



Doug Cowherd, Chair



By
Ginny Maturen

This is part four of the history of Sierra Club Huron Valley Group in *The Lookout*. The Huron Valley Group began with 7 members in 1962 and became a Group of the Great Lakes Chapter a couple of years later. By 1967 there were enough members to have a Sierra Club Chapter in Michigan. We celebrated the Chapter's 50th anniversary last year!



1990 Valley Spur in Hiawatha National Forest. Dick Anderson & Vince Smith left, Dave Worel right

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Big Island Lake Wilderness Michigan Winter Ski Trip to UP

1991: Significant Actions:

Michigan Chapter sends letter on population stabilization to Bush.
 Mayoral Candidates Forum on Environment.
 HVG receives a letter, dated 7/26/91, from the Environmental Law Society, of the U of M Law School, offering HVG assistance with appropriate legal projects.

1991 budget: \$5,700

Conservation:

Augusta Township expansion of Solid Waste Landfill.

\$500 donation made to the Detroit Incinerator Lawsuit Fund.



Hack Hills Hike

1992: Significant Actions:

Sierra Club turns 100 (Mackinac Chapter has 9,298 members):
 Centennial Commemorative Quilt.
 HVG Benefit concert: Guy Lewis.
 The SC Group and Chapter Empowerment Initiative.
 The SC Strategic Grassroots Organizing Drive.
 Eco-Region Campaign set GOALS for Club's Second Century.
 "100 Years of Hope" project/concert: Chapter hosts the band "Earth and the 21st".
 ICO (Intercity Outings) National News, 28th Edition.
 Conservation: Cleaning up the Gelman contamination.



Winter ski trip, location unknown

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1992 Political Rally in Detroit, unknown marchers (Al Gore was present at the rally).



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1993 Significant Actions:

Conservation: Southeast Michigan Initiative Hearings.



Stuck on an icy road



Sleeping Bear ski trip at Glen Lake

1994:

Intercity Outings (ICO):

11 kids from Hikone neighborhood go for a nature walk in Furstenburg Park.

Kensington metro Park Farm.

“Snakes and S’mores, Bogs and Blindfolds” - kids enjoy first ICO overnight trip.

1995:

HVG Events and Activities:

“Eating for the Earth” - Kroger and Whole Foods.

Arbor Farms holds a HVG Benefit.

Joe Chandler, founding member of the Mackinac Chapter, dies at the age of 93.

Favored Outings of the Huron Valley Sierra by Jack Woodward, P published by Sarah Jennings Press.

Kim Waldo, as newsletter editor, organizes a contest to choose a logo for HVG Newsletter; 11” x 17” folded - 8 pages (Oct. - Dec. highlighting new logo - Kingfisher).



Mid 1990s: HVG party from left Doug Cowherd (HVG Chair), Anna Holden, Ed McArdle, Lydia Fischer



Judy Thompson Shazer, Mike Sklar, Kim Waldo, Nancy Shiffler



Julie Griess, Ann Woiwode, Bruce Graves, Gwen Nystuen, Alison Horton

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Joan Paskowitz, Tom Tuer, Kim Waldo, Alison Horton (Chapter staff)

1998:

Sierra Club: Key Immigration vote on spring SC ballot.

Conservation:

Letter to the Editor Ann Arbor News from HVG and Ecology Center encouraging the City of Ann Arbor to undertake a full cleanup of the ground water pollution under the old Ann Arbor Landfill.

Conservation Committee outlines priorities for 1998:

- o Promoting Open Space Preservation.
- o Support candidates who are environmentally responsible.
- o Open Space Referendum.

HVG Activities:

Introduction of the Shopping for the Earth (SFTE) Program: Kroger.

Monthly meetings to be held at UM Matthaei Botanical Gardens.

Tour de Sprawl: Ypsilanti Riverside Park.

Kim Waldo, as newsletter editor, organizes a contest to choose a name for HVG Newsletter; 11" x 17" folded - 8 pages (Oct. - Dec. **highlighting new name 'The Lookout'**).

1996

Tours de Sprawl biking events begin.

Ann Arbor Schools Environmental Education seeks Volunteer Naturalists.

Ann Arbor bans the sale of mercury thermometers.



Hiking during a N. Manitou Island Service Trip

1997:

Celebration honoring Nancy Shiffler, chair of the Mackinac Chapter.

Tour de Sprawl features Land Use experts.

Conservation:

Natural Area Preservation Program:

- Proposal A: Park Maintenance.
 - Proposal B: Bond supporting construction of an Environmental Education addition to Leslie Science Center.
- Park Maintenance & Repair Millage passes.

Kim Waldo, HVG Newsletter Editor



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1999:

“Eating for the Earth” Program expands to SFTE and includes Kroger, Meijer, People’s Food Co-op.

Doug Fulton (1928-1996) long-time outdoor and environmental editor for AA News Memorial.

ICO renamed WICO (Washtenaw Intercity Outings) (L Voss and M. Beardsley).

Tour de Sprawl III: Pittsfield Township.

Monthly flyer insert in The Lookout announcing the monthly program.



McKeever Cabin: John Wilson & Gina



Gathering for a Potawatomi Trail Hike

A Decade of Political Support: for Environmentally Responsible Candidates:



Dianne Bryan and Robbie Cox
President Sierra Club at bridge over Barton Dam on Huron River

Rep./ Senator Debbie Stabenow: Michigan House of Representatives from 1979 - 1990. Mich. State Senate from 1991- 1994. U.S. Senate 1996 to present: Serves Michigan on Health Care Quality and Access; Diverse Agriculture, Protector of the Great Lakes.



Mary Schroer, MI House, District 52, 1992-1998



Nancy Shiffler, Chapter Chair presents the Mackinac Chapter Award to **State Senator Alma Wheeler Smith**

Kirk Profit: Michigan House, 1989 - 1998; 54th district and 22nd district.

Jim Berryman: Michigan Senate, 16th District (Lenawee County) from 1990 - 1998

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Derrick Hale, Mich. House of Representatives, 14th District



Liz Brater, Mayor of Ann Arbor 1991-1994; Mich. House, 1995-2000, Mich. Senate, 2003-2010

A Decade of Outings:



Pictured Rocks Lakeshore Cross Country Ski Outing

N. Manitou Island Service Outing -Memorial Day



Gathering for Tahquamenon Ski/Snowshoe adventure



Tahquamenon Falls



Michigan State Old-Growth Forest

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) 272-5194 ritalmitchell@gmail.com

Tuesday May 15, 2018, 7:30 PM Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI
What We See and What We Do Our interpretations of the beauty of nature, our sense of harmony, and reactions to environmental harm and threats, depend on a complex range of interactions. We use our knowledge, experience, and our sense of community to guide our actions related to natural resources. **Join with our panel of three environmental psychologists from University of Michigan: Ray DeYoung, Jason Duvall, and Avik Basu.** We'll be guided through discussion of some controversial issues that can generate conflict or motivate action in our state, region, and neighborhoods.

Tuesday June 19, 2018, 7:30 PM Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI
Invasive Species in Michigan Waters. North America's Great Lakes rival the Amazon River in volume of accessible freshwater that is open to human use and abuse. More than a century of intense agricultural and industrial use of the watershed has left our Great Lakes ecosystem seriously disturbed. While water quality has greatly improved in the last 50 years, invasive aquatic species now are the greatest threat to the biological integrity of the lakes. **Uli Reinhart, Professor of Biology at Eastern Michigan University** will present a summary of the state of Great Lakes' ecosystem, the threat from aquatic nuisance species, and the latest on research and management of sea lamprey.

Tuesday July 17, 2018, 7:30 PM Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI
Politics of the Environment 2018 Update. Michigan has been ground zero for 2018 political attention on environmental issues of our water, air and land. **Mike Berkowitz, Michigan Sierra Club Chapter Political Director, and Richard Barron, Political Committee Chair,** will speak on the coming year's key races and issues. They will provide context and details on the November election, and give insight into how the political races are shaping will impact us in Michigan. Join in the discussion and learn how to make a difference in local, state and national elections.

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Sierra Club—Huron Valley Group Calendar continued

Thursday July 19, 2018 through Sunday July 22 – Volunteer at the HVG Information Booth at the Ann Arbor Art Fair(s). Each year, the Huron Valley Group staffs an information booth in “Non-Profit Row” during the Ann Arbor Art Fair(s). The booth needs to be staffed continuously during the four days of the Fair, 10 am to 9 pm on most days. Short shifts of 2- or 3-hours are available. Sign-up at volunteermatch.org. **More information as it becomes available at the HVG website (<http://www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley>) later this spring. Contact: kimpschlegel@comcast.net.**

Tuesday August 21, 2018, 7:00 PM (note earlier time!) Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI **Walk & Talk: A Late Summer Stroll.** Summertime! Let’s take a break, get outside, and enjoy a late summer walk on the Matthaei Botanical Gardens Trail! **Meet at the Campus Farm Parking lot**, near the hoop houses, just off N. Dixboro Road. Please dress for the weather, wear comfortable shoes, bring your water bottle. Round trip distance: 4 miles total.

Tuesday September 18, 2018, 7:30 PM Matthaei Botanical Gardens 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI.
Topic: To Be Announced



Pollinator Garden at County Farm Park..Ready to work on it?



By Rita Mitchell

Rita Mitchell,
Bill Kidd &
Shari Thompson

Spring is here! It's time to get things ready for the pollinators that need nectar and pollen. Are you ready?

We've been talking about starting with pollinator gardening since late winter. Now the season is on us, and the plants and pollinators are moving forward. I know that we all have multiple activities that we're working on. I'd like to start on taking care of the pollinator garden at County Farm Park located at 2230 Platt Rd.

I looked at the garden last week, and not much was showing. It could be totally different now, given the sudden warming weather. Here are some tasks that need to be done for the site:

- Cut last year's stems, and prepare them for mulching on-site,
- Document known plants in the garden,
- Place some signage to indicate that the garden is now being tended.

The space is about 60 feet x 3 feet. Time to complete the above will depend on how many of us can help out at any given time. Since this is a cleanup and rehab of an exist-

ing site, my thought is to just watch it during the season, and determine when/if to add any plants. There may be some invasives that should be removed. We'll find out!

We are getting started. For others who would like to help I will schedule times I can be at the garden:

It would be great if volunteers also bring basic gardening equipment: Gloves, a shovel, pruning shears, and a trowel. We may have access to additional tools from the Project Grow collection of rakes and shovels, which is located on-site. The garden and this project are new to me. We'll all be learning. Bonus: we can check out the plants that were moved from the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum pollinator garden, that are being fostered at the park. That should help us with ID of the plants in the garden that we're working on, and just be fun.

The garden is located near the playground, and the large pavilion. Restrooms, shade, and water are nearby.

***If you are interested in joining us, please email or call me and I will provide days and times when we will be working. Be prepared for weather! It will likely be hot, so please bring a water bottle, hat, and sun screen. I'll bring some snacks.
Rita Mitchell
734-272-5194***

ritamitchell@gmail.com

The Pollinator Garden at County Farm Park



The result of our first session in the pollinator garden at County Farm Park:



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR HVG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

**See Chart of
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Group
Election
of Executive
Committee on
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The Sierra Club is the largest democratically run environmental organization in the world, with direct election of leaders at the national Board, state Chapter and local Group level each year. The Executive Committee (ExCom) of the Sierra Club Huron Valley Group (HVG) is responsible for the administration and operation of the group. HVG members will be electing the seven members of the HVG ExCom this fall. All the ExCom positions begin in January 2019, with four serving two-year terms and three serving one-year terms. The election is at the end of the year, but the process leading up to the election starts many months earlier. The HVG bylaws and standing rules describe the schedule of events for each election and require that the schedule be announced to all members (current bylaws and standing rules can be viewed at www.sierraclub.org/michigan/huron-valley/about-us). Any current group member can seek nomination to be a candidate in the annual HVG ExCom election. Members willing to serve can be nominated either through the HVG Nominating Committee or by a petition signed by at least 15 group members. Nominating petitions must be submitted by the candidate to the Nominations Committee no later than September 18 to qualify, and must include the name, address, Sierra Club membership number and signature of the persons signing the petition. No member may be nominated or elected against their will. The HVG Nominating Committee encourages members who are interested in running for the HVG ExCom to contact the Nominating Committee (see below), and recruits and selects candidates. This committee consists of at least three HVG members, one or more of whom

shall not be an ExCom member, and none may be a candidate in the upcoming election. Members interested in being nominated either by the committee or by petition should contact the Nominating Committee Chair, Bill Kidd, at william.kidd@comcast.net. The HVG Election Committee is responsible for production, mailing, receipt, and counting of ballots. It also consists of at least three group members, one or more of whom shall not be an ExCom member, and none of whom may be a candidate in the upcoming election. Ballots will be mailed to members in the Fall HVG newsletter (The Lookout), and an on-line ballot will also be made available as of that date. All Sierra Club members in the HVG territory according to the national Sierra Club's membership list at the time the newsletter mailing list is produced will be included on the eligible HVG voter list. The Fall HVG newsletter with the ballot will be mailed at least 4 weeks before the closing date for the election. Ballots from the newsletter can be returned via mail or at the December HVG General Meeting per the instructions in the newsletter. Only Nominating Committee candidates and petition candidates are eligible to be elected to the HVG ExCom. The HVG Election Committee will set a time and place to count the ballots, which will be held after the December HVG General Meeting and before December 31, 2018. Candidates or their representatives may observe the ballot counting. Ballots and nominating petitions will be preserved until all opportunities for appeals are exhausted.



HURON VALLEY GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTION SCHEDULE

2018 HVG ExCom Election Milestone	Action to be completed by:
Nominating Committee Chair appointed (HVG)	May ExCom meeting (May 3)
Spring newsletter mailing list established (establishes members eligible to be candidates)	May 1
Mail spring newsletter detailing year-end election procedure	May 15
Nominating Committee (NC) appointed	June ExCom meeting (June 7)
Nominees inform Nominating Committee of interest	July General Meeting (July 17)
ExCom and nominees informed of NC's acceptance/rejection of candidates and of petition option	August ExCom meeting (Aug 2)
Appoint Election Committee	September ExCom meeting (Sept 3)
Ballot issue petitions delivered to NC	September General Meeting (Sept 18)
Candidate petitions delivered to NC	September General Meeting (Sept 18)
Candidate statements and photograph, if desired, due to Elections Committee	October General Meeting (Oct 1)
ExCom informed of final candidate list	October ExCom meeting (Oct 4)
Finalize Fall election content for paper & electronic newsletter or separate mailed ballot	November 1
Eligible voter list produced, based on fall newsletter mailing list	November 1
Ballots printed and mailed and posted on website	November 8
Ballots received (deadline)	Midnight December General Meeting (Dec 18)
Ballots counted; results determined	After December General Meeting, but no later than December 31



You can help the earth at no cost to you — through your regular shopping!

- Over the past 15 years the Sierra Club Huron Valley Group's **Shopping for the Earth** has been a very successful program for supporting our efforts to protect parks, natural areas and local farmland, and to address local and regional environmental problems.
- For every \$20 of cards you buy, you get the full \$20 in store credit—and earn from \$0.80 to as much as \$4.60, depending on the merchant, for the Sierra Club.

"We donated \$140 last year to prevent sprawl and protect wildlife. It was easy, and it didn't cost us anything extra."
-Gwen Nystuen

"A bonus for nature for every grocery purchase I make- even chocolate!"
-Rita Mitchell

Two ways to order cards:

1. **Mail-In Order Form** for local groceries
2. **Online ordering** from over 600 national merchants including Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Best Buy, Cabela's, Chipotle Mexican Grill, CVS/pharmacy, Econo Lodge, Glen's Market, Groupon, Home Depot, iTunes, Kohl's, L.L.Bean, Lands' End, Lowe's, Noodles & Company, Office Max, REI, Rite Aid, Sears, gas stations, Starbucks, Tim Hortons, United Artist Theatres, Walgreens, Whole Foods. Please visit: michigan.sierraclub.org/huron/glscrip.htm

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- ✓ Regular purchases like grocery shopping
- ✓ Giving as gifts
- ✓ Planned purchases like appliances
- ✓ Making online purchases



Mail-in Order Form

Please fill out the number of cards you'd like for each store below. Your total order: \$_____

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		
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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:
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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>**



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