





Michigan Coalition for Clean Forests Adopt-a-Forest Spring 2005 Newsletter

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-  Call the DNR at 989-275-5151 or USFS at 1-800-821-6263;
-  E-mail us at cleanforests@cleanforests.org;
-  Send a note to Adopt-a-Forest, 8717 North Roscommon Rd, Roscommon, MI 48653; or
-  Find us at www.cleanforests.org

New trash sites are being investigated and added to the list daily.

For an updated list of sites needing cleanup in your area, log on to www.cleanforests.org and look under "Interactive" and "Search Dumpsite Database." You can also request a list by calling 989-275-5151, ext. 2049. Make sure to specify the county(ies) you would like sent.

TV 6, WLUC – Clean U.P. Initiative

TV6 (Negaunee) is promoting the theme *Clean U.P.* during 2005. TV 6, which covers the western Upper Peninsula and portions of Wisconsin, will be running news stories, promotional announcements, and special programs all with the intent of reminding people that littering, illegal dumping, and other forms of pollution exist and are getting worse. They will also be highlighting ways to legally dispose of trash so there will be a "Clean U.P." for years to come.



District 7 of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Law Enforcement Division (an eight-county area) issued **78 citations for littering** in 2004. This does not include piles that were removed before citations were issued.

Violators are finding out that it doesn't pay to dump trash on public land.

TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER...

We are searching for community leaders who are interested in working on projects listed in our strategic plan. Volunteers are needed to develop community cleanup guides, Legislative packets, news releases, write grants, and the list goes on and on. If you are interested in becoming active in the program other than working on physical cleanups, contact us at cleanforests@cleanforests.org or at 989-275-5151, Ext. 2049. We will gladly match your skills and interests with one of the many projects on our list.



The **Crawford County tire collection** day is planned for Saturday, June 18, 2005. For further information, contact Bruce Patrick at 989-344-3258.

The **Roscommon County** Conservation District has set their **household hazardous waste collection** day for Saturday, September 10, 2005. For further information, contact Barb Stauffer at 989-275-5231.

If you know of cleanup days scheduled in your community, let us know about it so we can highlight the info in our next newsletter.

Volunteers removed enough scrap tires from Michigan's public land in 2004 to equip 1000 vehicles. That's a lot of driving!

Groovy!

The Hiawatha National Forest hired a Youth Conservation Corp crew again this year to continue plugging away at trash sites identified in a 2001 EPA grant. Trash was removed from Alger, Delta and Schoolcraft Counties. The crew holds a contest to see who has the best "find" each day. The best find last year was a tie-dyed T-shirt.



A new search engine is available to find a Michigan State Park, Recreation Area or State Forest Campground.



Visit www.michigandnr.com/parksandtrails and select what general location and activity you're looking for – such as boat launching, horseback riding, or fishing -- to find out which campgrounds fit your needs.

IMPORTANT FIELD REMINDERS

- ♦ Your safety is very important to us. Please make sure to read the "Safety" and "What to Wear" sections of the Adopt-a-Forest guide before working on cleanups. We provide this guide to all new volunteers. It can also be found on our website at www.cleanforests.org. Work gloves, appropriate footwear, and long sleeves/pants are the minimum protection needed during cleanups.
- ♦ All public land rules and laws must be followed by volunteers. Please make sure your vehicle remains on designated roads and trails when removing trash. Any piles not accessible this way can be reported to your local USFS or DNR staff.
- ♦ Dumpsters placed on public land should be dropped just before and removed immediately after cleanups. We have found that dumpsters left on-site for extended periods get overfilled which makes removal difficult.

Volunteer Earns VIP Grant Award



The Consumers Energy Foundation has donated another \$150 to recognize efforts of Rick McShane, certified hydro operator at Tippy Dam. Rick performed 70 hours of volunteer service in 2004 with the Adopt-a-Forest program and helped to remove trash from 2,100 acres of national forest land. This Volunteer Investment Program (VIP) grant will be used to support forestry education.

We appreciate Rick's continued efforts and are thankful that the Consumers Energy Foundation supports their employees' volunteer pursuits with VIP grants.