

Michigan Coalition for Clean Forests Adopt-a-Forest April 2003 Newsletter

Is there something we can do for you?

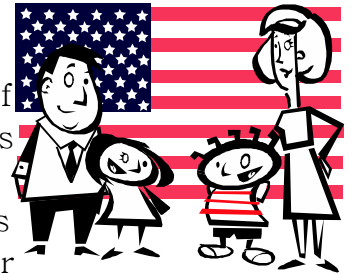
☎ Call the DNR at 989-275-5151 or USFS at 1-800-821-6263;

✉ 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

Many Adopt-a-Forest volunteers are on active military duty, veterans, or families of military personnel. Camp Grayling conducts major public land cleanups annually. The Michigan Coalition for Clean Forests thanks our military volunteers and their families for their continued service to our Country.



Really GREAT!

Covering more than 94,000 square miles, the Great Lakes and connecting waterways comprise about 90 percent of the nation's supply of fresh water and 18 percent of the world's. If the volume of Great Lakes water were spread over a surface area the size of the lower 48 states, it would create a lake nearly 10 feet deep!

Source: *Michigan in Brief*, 7th Edition

SAFETY ALERT

Meth labs are popping up all over the state. If you find large quantities of these items during your cleanups, **BACK AWAY!** Call 1-866-METH-TIP and your local law enforcement agency. These may be indicators of an illegal drug lab:

Aluminum foil
Lithium batteries
Matchbooks/Flares

Anhydrous ammonia
Coffee Filters
Lye (drain cleaners)

Antihistamines
Iodine
Solvents

Still Making Progress???

Adopt-a-Forest progress reports dropped by twenty-one percent last year.

Volunteer hours dropped more than half.

Hopefully this is because there's fewer trash piles.

Progress reports are very important to the program. These statistics are used when competing for funding as well as in the media to educate folks about the perils of trash dumped on public land.



We're celebrating the 100th anniversary of State forests and you're invited! **MARK SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2003 ON YOUR CALENDAR.** The party is at North Higgins Lake State Park in Higgins Lake, Michigan. Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl will be there. All volunteers are welcome--so make sure to let others in your group know. You can register for the picnic by filling out the attached form or visit our website at www.cleanforests.org



I can dig it...

"My group and family enjoy doing the cleanup. It's a lot of work, but you feel good when it's clean."
—Munising, MI

"I have been told many times...what a difference we have made on one area road. My cleanup crew included 2 foreign exchange students, 2 high school clubs and a 4-wheeler club."
—Cheboygan, MI

"...the Troll Four Wheelers were very happy and proud to be able to restore this area to its natural state."
—Cheboygan County

"All areas cleaned in previous years were found free of trash. Therefore, we selected a new area..."
—Grayling, MI

"We had fun and I found a place for my tree stand."
—Tawas City, MI

"Concluded our 11th year of participating."
—LeRoy, MI

"A crew of new boys and leaders from Troop 81 did their first forest cleanup. These boys shared the same experience as boys of the past, a feeling of satisfaction in doing a good deed in making the forest a better place for animals to live and man to enjoy."
—Hillman, MI

"I turned in the 4 returnable cans for my pay."
—Freeland, MI



Scrap tire grant applications have been submitted for:

Allegan, Atlanta, Baldwin, Baraga, Gwinn, Harrison, Kalkaska, Manton, and Middleville.

If approved, volunteers will be able to drop off tires removed from public land.

MICHIGAN BOTTLE DEPOSIT LAW

Year 2000:

Total Deposits Collected? \$418.9 million
Total Refunds? \$395.4 million

How are unclaimed deposits used?
25% is returned to retailers.
75% is deposited into the Cleanup and Redevelopment Trust Fund.

Source: MI Bottle Deposit Law FAQs

Your community can take an inventory of your trees using FREE software developed in conjunction with the United States Forest Service. For further information, check out www.umass.edu/urbantree/palm

The Mobile Community Tree Inventory (MCTI) system allows users three options:

- printable inventory tally sheet
- stand-alone desktop application for inputting collected data, and
- fully computerized system designed for download to your PDA.

Tree inventories are important because they provide a means to assess tree concerns in your community, such as maintenance, planting locations, and hazard removal. The use of a tree inventory also helps communicate the importance and value of the community's urban forest to the public. Plus, your community will be one step closer to gaining Tree City USA status.

Each person uses the equivalent of one tree, 100 feet tall and 16 inches in diameter each year to meet his or her wood product needs.

Source: *Healthy Forests for the Future*, MFRA



ADVERTISE 4 FREE

Send us a flyer announcing your cleanup and we'll send it to all of our friends in your area. We'll also add it to the Adopt-a-Forest and Volunteer Match websites.

Volunteer Week is April 27 to May 3
What will you be doing?