


Michigan Coalition for Clean Forests Adopt-a-Forest Spring 2008 Newsletter

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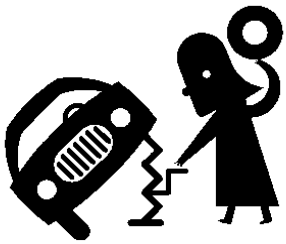
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If you received this newsletter in hard copy, it's likely that you've been missing out on important Adopt-a-Forest mail! Most of our communications are by e-mail. If you want to receive the latest program information for your area, please send an e-mail to takacs@michigan.gov asking us to update our records.

Have you replaced your car tires and been asked if you want to pay an additional fee (usually \$2-\$3 per tire) for disposal of the old ones? Your other option would be to take the old tires with you.



This fee is optional and the money is paid directly to the retailer who uses it to cover overhead expenses as well as the cost of disposal. **The state does not require or collect this fee.**

If you do not have easy disposal options (such as curbside pickup of tires), this may be the most convenient method of disposal.

The Cass Community Social Services in Detroit has been collecting scrap tires from vacant lots in the city and turning them into welcome mats.

According to Reverend Faith Fowler, "It's making a difference for the people and the environment. More than 1,000 mats have been made. That means more than 2,000 discarded tires that were illegally dumped are now welcoming people into homes."

For more information about Cass Community Social Services and their programs, visit <http://casscommunity.org/> To purchase a welcome mat made out of Motor City tires, look under "store."

The times, They are a changin'



Debbie Hollis, volunteer from the 48761 zip code area, tells us they found an iPod during their last cleanup. This is the first known iPod found on public land!

Apple, Inc. sponsors free recycling programs for iPods, the world's most popular digital music player. More details of Apple's electronics recycling programs are available at: <http://www.apple.com/environment/recycling/>

Lisa Robin-Henning of Prudenville, MI did some calculations based on the amount of public land in Roscommon County (121,000 acres) compared to the 2007 population (25,517 people).

Lisa tells us if everyone "adopted" 206.5 square feet – the size of some living rooms – public land in Roscommon County would be clean! Lisa said, "I am hoping that this visual will demonstrate just how small a step is required for each of us to really make a difference on State land."

Thanks for your encouragement Lisa!



COMING SOON:

Community Cleanup Guide

Kathy Ryan, USDA-NRCS, is spearheading the creation of a guide to empower communities to set up waste collections for their residents BEFORE the stuff is illegally dumped on public land. The guide will cover topics on how to organize community-wide household hazardous waste days, scrap tire collections, electronics disposal, and much more.

If you have ever organized community-wide cleanups and would like to help us by taking a survey and/or reviewing the final product, please contact Kathy at kathleen.ryan@mi.usda.gov or at 989-348-9319.

There are currently 1,104 known illegal dumpsites on public land in Michigan.

ARE ANY IN YOUR AREA?

Check it out at www.cleanforests.org/search2.shtml or contact Ada Takacs at 989-275-5151 x 2049 or takacs@mi.gov to get a list of sites and maps of trash in your area.



Adopt-a-Forest Volunteer Benefits

“We did find a fox den while out searching for mushrooms and trash. When we drove past she was standing over the den nursing the kits. We swung back around, parked nearby and watched. She retreated to a brush pile nearby and shortly after her 6 kits came out of their den and played in the sun. They were good sized and plenty healthy. The tips of their noses and tops of their heads were starting to go from gray fuzz to red fur, along with their white-tipped tails. Pretty cool, the kids got to see them too!” Chad Lytle, MiGO

It Takes a Village



The Adopt-a-Forest program began in Roscommon County in 1987 and officially began statewide in 1991.

These individuals/groups are considered active and have been working with the program for 10+ years. Many worked on public land cleanups before the program existed...

Since 1991: *Mack Lake Homeowners Assoc.;* Indian Mission Chapter of MUCC

1992: *Mark Miltner & Assoc.;* Joe Shutes; *Care Bears;* Pine River Schools; *Black Lake Sportsmens Club;* Boy Scout Troop 81; *Elk Ridge Golf Course;* Lewiston Fun Mushroom Club; *Northland Sportsmens Club;* Nokomis Challenge Center; *Roscommon Rotary;* 80th District Court

1993: *Manistee Clan Muzzle Loaders Club;* Camp Grayling; *Boy Scout Troop 89;* Bear Lake Twp Improvement Assoc.; *Curtisville Civic Association*

1994: *Alcona Canoe Rental;* *Tate Family*

1995: *Twin Lake Shores Assoc.;* *Richard Platt;* Cole Canoe Boy Scout Camp

1996: *Clark Riddell;* Gerald & Janet Wright; *Glennie Leo Club;* Bill Middleton; *Clio Boy Scout Troop 101;* Deer Beer Club

1997: *Walloon Lake Trust;* David Brundage; *Tom Oakey;* Lovells Hook and Trigger

1998: *Oscoda Canoe Rental;* Eastern Dickinson County Sportsmen; *Fairview 4th Grade;* Michigan Resource Stewards; Nancy Guimond; *Warren Libka, Sr.;* *Friends of the NE Ecosystems;* *Jane Paulson;* Dick and Dee Watson; *Harrison Moose Family Lodge;* *Friends of Pontiac Lake Recreation Area*

1999: Dave McIntire; *Rick McShane;* UP Clean Forest Coalition; *Trailriders Snowmobile Club;* Throttle On Snowmobile Club; *Ludwig/Waterkamp Connection;* Oceana Cross Country Ski Club; *Miller/Patanis;* Mary Parker; *Roscommon Community Service Program;* Ogemaw County Sheriff's Dept.

There are an additional 19 groups with 5-9 years of service and many more new to the program. We wish we could list them all.

This information is based on progress reports received. We realize that many groups work on cleanups but do not send in updates.

We appreciate all efforts big and small!