

More Upcoming Workshops...

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Series

Tuesdays in October, 2007

Backyard Habitat Expo October 30

Lake Michigan College, South Haven

Cost: \$50.00 or \$20.00 each session

What is a Backyard Habitat? Why are they important? How do I create my own Backyard Habitat? We will discuss all of this and more at the Backyard Habitat Series. Learn about providing the basics such as food, water and shelter as well as native plant communities, invasive species and sustainable gardening. For more information please contact:

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Farming for the Future

December 10, 2007

Time: TBA

Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence

Cost: \$15.00 per person

This conference-style workshop will address environmental issues facing our farms today and ways for farms to continue thriving well into the future. Topics presented will include alternative energy and bio-fuels, irrigation, pest and nutrient management, Michigan right-to-farm and the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program as well as organic farming and gardening, leveraging conservation credits through the Michigan Conservation Climate Initiative, Conservation easements, buffers and much more!

Look for more information to come this summer! Please feel free to contact the Conservation District with questions.

Introduction to Lakes

Friday and Saturday, August 24 and 25, 2007

Van Buren Youth Camp

Fee: TBA, includes refreshments and materials.

This special workshop for lake residents will provide an opportunity to increase your understanding of lake ecology and lake management issues. This workshop is sponsored by the Van Buren County MSU Extension, Van Buren Conservation District and the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission with support from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

For further information please contact

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Van Buren Conservation District

Healthy Home: Understanding your Home's Environmental Impacts

July 11, 2007
6:30-9:00 PM



WATERSHED WORKSHOP SERIES:

A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE BLACK RIVER
AND PAW PAW RIVER WATERSHED PROJECTS

Healthy Home: Understanding Your Home's Environmental Impacts

Most of us spend a lot of time in our homes. What you do in and around your home can affect water quality—both below ground and in nearby lakes, streams, wetlands or ponds.

Knowing about potential risks to surrounding ground and surface water is essential to safeguard the health and well-being of you and your neighbors as well as those downstream.

This workshop will utilize the Home Assessment System (Home*A*Syst) guide as a reference point to discuss several areas such as how to protect ground and surface water resources around your home, managing storm water, household septic systems, yard and garden care, household hazardous waste, recycling and much more.

Each attendee will receive a copy of the Home*A*Syst booklet, a tool which can be used to identify environmental risks and potential solutions in and around your home.

This workshop is free of charge, and is being brought to you by the Van Buren Conservation District, in cooperation with the Southwestern Michigan Planning Commission and Michigan State University Extension.

Workshop Details:

Date: July 11, 2007

Time: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Van Buren Conference Center
490 S. Paw Paw Street
Lawrence, MI 49064

The Van Buren Conference Center is located at 490 S. Paw Paw St., Lawrence, Michigan. From I-94 take exit #52 and head north about 1.5 miles. The conference center is on the left.



Registration Form

Please provide your information below and return this portion of the brochure to:

**Van Buren Conservation District
1035 E. Michigan Ave
Paw Paw, MI 49079**

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Daytime Phone

E-mail

***Please register by Monday, July 2
so that we are sure to have space
and materials for everyone!**

Questions?

Or to register by phone, fax or e-mail:
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