



MORE UPCOMING WORKSHOPS...

Landscaping for Water Quality
February 28, 2007
7-9 p.m.

Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence
FREE and open to the public

Learn about creating landscaping that can protect water quality, capture rainwater, reduce flooding, reduce soil erosion, provide wildlife habitat and enhance property values.

Patricia Pennell, program director for Rain Gardens of West Michigan, will join us to discuss rain gardens and share some sample designs to build your own rain garden.

Wetlands 101
March 14, 2007
6-9 p.m.

Lake Michigan College, South Haven (Room 141)
FREE and open to the public

Curious about wetlands? What do they do and why are they important? This workshop will provide a look into Michigan's wetlands. Discover the basic components and functions of wetlands as well as stewardship and preservation strategies. Learn about the wide variety of valuable plants and animals that call our wetlands their home. Speakers will include Rob Zbiciak from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Nate Fuller from the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy.

To register for these workshops, either fill out the registration form on the reverse side or contact the Van Buren Conservation District at
(269) 657-4030 x5

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THE BLACK RIVER AND PAW PAW RIVER WATERSHED PROJECTS PRESENT WORKSHOPS FOR LOCAL DECISION MAKERS

Filling the Gaps: Local Government's Important Role in Environmental Protection

with Mark Wyckoff, FAICP
[MARCH 12, 2007]

and

Low Impact Development: Designing for the Future

[APRIL 11, 2007]



VAN BUREN CONFERENCE CENTER
LAWRENCE, MICHIGAN

JOIN US FOR THESE GREAT WORKSHOPS FOR LOCAL DECISION MAKERS

EVERYONE WANTS CLEAN WATER –LEARN HOW YOUR COMMUNITY CAN HELP KEEP IT CLEAN

Filling the Gaps: Local Government's Important Role in Environmental Protection

Monday, March 12, 2007

1:30 to 9 p.m.

Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence, Michigan

Fee: \$10, includes dinner and materials.

Local government is the first line of defense for our environment. Possessing the right tools, resources, and implementation strategies can ensure that the right plans, regulations, and effective coordination mechanisms are in place to protect Michigan's natural and environmental treasures.

This workshop is based on the DEQ Coastal Management Program's *Filling the Gaps: Environmental Protection Options for Local Governments* publication and each participant will receive a copy. This publication is a guide and a reference tool to help you protect your community's natural resources.

This workshop will:

- Provide information on why environmental policy is important
- Explain how land use decisions at the local level have consequences on natural areas
- Stimulate attendees to take local action to better protect Michigan's environment
- Provide information about planning and zoning tools available to local government

Mark Wyckoff, FAICP, Director of the Planning & Zoning Center at Michigan State University, developed and will present this program. Wyckoff co-authored the *Filling the Gaps* publication and is a well-known land use and planning expert.



Low Impact Development: Designing for the Future

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

6-9 p.m.

Van Buren Conference Center, Lawrence, Michigan

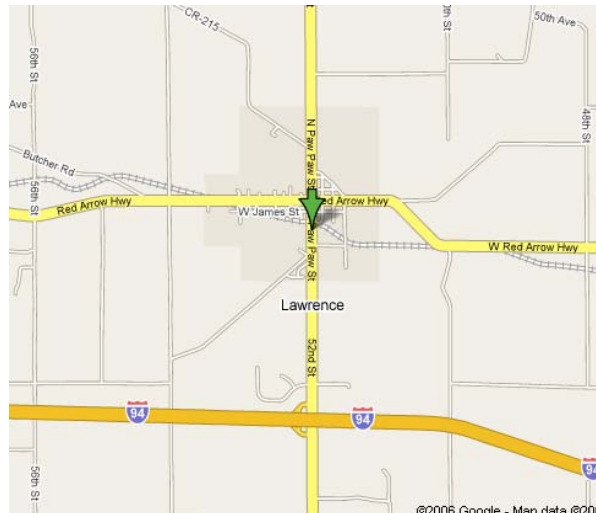
Fee: \$10, includes refreshments and materials.

Low Impact Development (LID) is an ecologically friendly approach to site development and stormwater management that aims to lessen impacts to land, water and air. The approach emphasizes the integration of site design and planning techniques that conserve natural systems and hydrologic functions on a site.

This workshop will:

- Introduce attendees to some of the techniques that can be used in Low Impact Developments
- Describe the many benefits associated with LID (such as reduced development costs, protection of water quality and wildlife habitat, and increased marketability)

Both workshops will be held at the **Van Buren Conference Center**, 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

Sign up for:	Date	Price
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping for Water Quality	February 28	FREE
<input type="checkbox"/> Filling the Gaps	March 12	\$10.00*
<input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands 101	March 14	FREE
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Impact Development	April 11	\$10.00*

Total enclosed: _____

*Discounts for municipal elected or appointed officials are available. Each workshop will cost \$5 per person if there are multiple attendees from your municipality. If this applies to you, please list the municipality you are representing:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Please submit this form and payment to:
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Questions?
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