Huron Pines

Conserving the Forests, Lakes and Streams of Northeast Michigan

Huron Pines is a nonprofit environmental organization established in 1973. Located in Grayling, we strive to reach our conservation goals by connecting the community’s water, land and people.

We join with a variety of partners such as local governments, non-profits, area residents and private businesses to complete our goals.
• Land Stewardship
• Huron Pines AmeriCorps
• Watershed Protection
Land Stewardship

Private Landowner Site Visits

Forestland Management Plans

Upland Habitat Restoration

Native Greenbelts

Invasive Species Monitoring & Removal
Huron Pines AmeriCorps

Place 12 highly-qualified members with other conservation organizations for a year of service.

Volunteer Recruitment

Hands-On-Conservation

Environmental Stewardship

New Conservation Services
Watershed Protection

Instream Habitat Improvements

Watershed Management Plans

Road/Stream Crossing Improvements

Small Dam Management

Water Quality Monitoring

Habitat Surveys

Stormwater Management
Project Development

Resource Advisory Group

Made up of resource professionals with backgrounds in water quality, forestry, wildlife management, stream ecology, etc.

Meet Quarterly to Review Projects

Project Need (identified by partners or staff)

Proposal is Submitted to RAG

RAG Reviews
  Offers Suggestions
  Mission Oriented
  Accepts or Denies

Financial Obligations
  Match
  Grant Writing
  Managing Funds
What Does a Great Project Have?

- Defined & Achievable Goals
- Realistic Timeline
- Open Communication
- Sustainability
- Financial Control
- Solid Leadership
- Strong Partnerships
Building Strong Partnerships

*Working together to achieve a common goal*

**Cooperation**
Shorter-term, informal relationships. Share information but retains own authority and resources. Very little risk.

**Coordination**
More formal, long-term relationships. Requires planning, roles, division of labor and shared resources for shared reward.

**Collaboration**
Formal, long-term relationship, separate organizations form a new structure. Requires comprehensive planning and defined roles. Higher risk/reward factor.

Lower Intensity (risk, time and opportunity)

Higher Intensity
Elements of Strong Partnerships

- Stakeholder Involvement
- Trust
- Defined Roles
- Diverse Skills
- Identifying Opportunities
- Open Communication
- Acknowledgement & Rewards
- Managing Conflicts
- Reporting Results
Technical Resources & Stakeholders

- Resource Conservation & Development Councils
- Conservation Districts
- NRCS District Conservationists
- Council of Governments
- MSU Extension
- Michigan Sea Grant
- State and Federal Agencies
- Local Governments
- Watershed Councils
- Lake Associations
- Conservation Groups
Michigan Resource Conservation & Development Councils

Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program objectives focus on improvement of quality of life achieved through natural resources conservation and community development. The goals of the program include developing sustainable communities, encouraging prudent development, and managing and conserving natural resources.

8 RC&D Councils in Michigan

- Environmental Needs
- Land Conservation
- Water Management
- Community Development
Michigan Conservation Districts

The guiding philosophy of all Conservation Districts is that decisions on conservation issues should be made at the local level, by local people, with technical assistance provided by government.

Conservation & Natural Resources Education

Conservation Technical Assistance

Forest and Wildlife Management Assistance

Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program

Michigan's Critical Dunes

Native Plant Sales & Education

Tree & Shrub Sales

Water Quality and Storm Water Management
Michigan Regional Planning Councils

Organizations that supports local government planning on regional issues in the areas of transportation, environment, community and economic development, and education.

14 Regional Planning Councils

Regional Planning & Community Development

Workforce Development

Business & Economic Development

Community Safety

GIS Mapping Services

Land Use Planning

Transportation Analysis