



ALGER  
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### WHAT IS THE ALGER CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

The Alger Conservation District (ACD) is a local unit of government that utilizes state, federal, and private sector resources to address today's conservation problems. The District staff, guided by a publicly elected Board of Directors, provides technical assistance, along with partner agencies, to county residents.

### WHAT DO WE DO?

- ✂ **Forestry** assistance for landowners for wildlife habitat, timber production, tree planting, recreation and forest health.
- ✂ **Connect Landowners** with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to implement programs such as ecosystem restoration, reducing erosion, farmland protection, and many others.
- ✂ **Invasive Species** identification, monitoring, and management. We work closely with the Lake to Lake Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (L2L CISMA) coordinator in the Marquette County Conservation District Office..
- ✂ **Produce Safety** assistance for safe growing, harvesting, handling, and storing of fruits and vegetables that is voluntary, confidential and free to all produce growers .
- ✂ **Groundwater Protection** via the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) to help farms minimize agricultural pollution risks.
- ✂ **Volunteer Stream Monitoring** program observes macroinvertebrates that indicate water quality and habitat availability at a particular site.
- ✂ **Wetland Mitigation**, along with the Cities of Alger County and the Michigan Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, to continually strive to create native wetland ecosystems throughout Alger County.
- ✂ **Urban Agriculture** education and technical assistance to enhance activities such as gardening, season extension, raising small livestock, and planting for pollinators.
- ✂ **Education and Outreach** through our annual tree and wildflower sales, AgriPalooza farm and field day for local schools, tabling events, and general conservation information at our office.

### HOW DO WE DO THIS?



The Alger Conservation District is an equal opportunity employer and program provider.



# Alger Conservation District

*at a glance*

*The Alger Conservation District mission is to provide for the conservation and restoration of resources in Alger County through forestry and wildlife practices, watershed management, invasive species control, and agricultural education.*



## FORESTRY

Promoting stewardship of forest resources on private lands



## WILDLIFE

Conserving and managing wildlife habitat



## INVASIVE SPECIES

Protecting habitat through removal & management



## NATIVE PLANTS

Encouraging pollinator habitat availability & improvement



## PRODUCE SAFETY

Offering services for safe growing, harvesting, handling & storing of fresh produce



## WATER QUALITY

Monitoring to consider care & quality of local watersheds



## URBAN AGRICULTURE

Providing technical, hands-on assistance to county residents



## EDUCATION

Engaging the community in conservation conversations



## WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT?

Addressing local resource concerns at the local level with local people

### **IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

Michigan Conservation Districts receive minimal state funding, which means we need to be creative about raising our own funds. We do this through our annual native plant sales, applying for grants, and contributions from local citizens. **Please support your local Conservation District by connecting with us today!**



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