



2016 RESOURCE ASSESSMENT AND LONG-RANGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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ACD Mission: To provide sound natural resource and land management assistance to the people of Alger County, present and future.

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DISTRICT AND COUNTY OVERVIEW

Alger County is located in the north-central Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The county is bounded on the west by Marquette County, on the south by Delta County, on the east and south by Luce and Schoolcraft counties and on the north by Lake Superior. The county encompasses approximately 918 square miles and has 114 miles of Lake Superior shoreline. Its population is 9,601 according to the 2010 US Census. Owing to the large amount of federal and state land, the population density is approximately 10.7 persons per square mile.

The county is mainly forested and has a strong timber-based economy. The wood products industries range from primary producers (loggers) to producers of finished products such as snowshoes, furniture, cabinetry, log homes, maple syrup, paper and paper products, and veneer. Agricultural activities within Alger County are limited to less than 60 farms that produce dairy products, beef cattle, hay and potatoes, fresh produce, fiber, flower and tree seedlings, and other commodities. With its abundant natural resources, recreation and tourism are major industries in Alger County in all four seasons.

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION

The Alger Conservation District was founded in 1959 and is locally managed by a five-member board of directors who are elected to four-year terms by county residents at the Annual Meeting. The stated mission of the district is to provide sound natural resource and land management assistance to the people of Alger County, present and future.

The District seeks to accomplish that mission by:

- Providing technical assistance to landowners to address wind and water erosion, invasive species, native plantings, watershed protection, sound agricultural practices, and other natural resource concerns.
- Reducing sedimentation pollution of our surface water and protecting against pollution of groundwater from both source and non-point source pollution.
- Providing forestry assistance to non-industrial private forestland owners to improve the health of forests, restore wildlife habitat, provide environmentally sustainable economic benefit to landowners, and expand Michigan's forest products economy.
- Promoting groundwater, habitat and soil stewardship via Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Farm Bill programs and the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP), thereby conserving resources, providing financial benefits to producers, and boosting consumer confidence in Michigan's agricultural economy.
- Building partnerships of local government entities, state and federal agencies, private and commercial landowners, and other stakeholders to promote and fund conservation and restoration of Alger County resources.
- Educating youth on conservation concepts, ethics and practices via classroom, field and service learning programs.

- Educating adults about resource concerns such as forest management, invasive species control, and watershed protection.
- Engaging citizens to take steps to protect their own lands and volunteer in local and regional conservation efforts.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING

ACD has facilitated over **\$3,507,000** in grant-funded projects in Alger County since 2000. It has received and implemented the following grants which address nonpoint source pollution, invasive species, and other watershed concerns:

- **CUPCWMA Regional Invasive Species Project**, a grant from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program (MISGP) involving multiple partners and projects within the Central UP Cooperative Weed Management Area footprint (Alger, Marquette, Schoolcraft, and Delta Counties). (IS14-1029, 4-30-15 to 1-31-17) Grant = \$238,200, Match = \$219,442, Project total = \$457,642
- **CUPCWMA: Halting Invasives at the Hub**, a grant from MISGP for work throughout the four-county CWMA focusing on invasive species prevention through pathways of spread. (#IS16-1015, 2-28-27 through 2-28-19) Grant = \$200,000, Match = \$98,017, project total = \$298,017.
- **Lake to Lake CISMA Core Functions Campaign**, a grant from MISGP to fund basic invasive species management and outreach across the four-county Lake to Lake CISMA (formerly CUPCWMA) service area. (#IS17-1104, 4-1-18 through 4-30-19) Grant = \$59,300, Match = \$6,600, Project total = \$65,900.
- **Marquette-Alger Cross Border Restoration Project**, a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to replace failing culverts and manage invasive species in Alger and Marquette Counties. (#32085, 4-1-13 to 9-30-14) Grant = \$150,000, Match = \$153,650, Project total = \$303,650
- Three **Deer Habitat Improvement Partnership Initiative (DHPI)** grants from the DNR, bringing together private landowners and organization partners to plant habitat improving species. Grants = \$18,645, Match = \$17,579, Project total = \$36,224.
- **Central MI (UP) Invasive Plant Prevention and Control**, a grant from the EPA through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to map and manage invasive plants across Marquette, Alger, and Schoolcraft Counties. (#GL00E01434, 3-1-15 to 5-31-17) Grant = \$187,462.
- **Collaborative Partnership to Restore Alger County Watersheds**, a grant from EPA through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative to reduce non-point source sedimentation by implementing culvert restorations, erosion control measures and other protections and to form a basis for expansion of countywide watershed programs using social monitoring survey techniques. (#GL-00E00600, September 2010-August 2013.) Grant = \$789,384.
- **Alger Watershed Restoration Education Project**, a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for nonpoint source sedimentation

control and watershed implementation and education. (#2008-0063-001, June 2008-December 2010). Grant = \$127,100; Match = \$154,873; Project total = \$281,973.

- **Munising Bay Watershed Restoration Project**, a Clean Michigan Initiative (CMI) grant for implementation erosion and sedimentation control per the CMI-approved watershed management plan. (#2004-0167, Aug. 2005 – July 2008). Grant=\$325,610 Match=\$101,579 Project total=\$427,189
- **St Martin's Hill Erosion Control Demonstration Project** from the Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (#11-04-41, Apr 2004 – Aug. 2005).
Grant=\$110,385 Match=\$91,225 Project total=\$201,610
- **Munising Bay – St. Martin's Hill**, a CMI/Nonpoint Source Pollution watershed implementation project, (DEQ tracking #2002-0039, July 2004 – July 2006).
Grant=\$91,225 Match=\$45,778 Project total=\$137,003
- **Eastern Alger County Watershed Erosion Control Project – Sucker River Demo Sites**, from the Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion And Sedimentation Control, (#10-03-04, June 2003 – June 2006).
Grant=\$27,025 Match=\$21,716 Project total=\$48,741
- **Munising Bay Watershed Restoration Project and Water Quality Management Plan**, a project of MDEQ, Section 319, Nonpoint Source Program. (DEQ Tracking Code #2000-0041 Apr 2000-June 2002).
Grant=\$114,185 Match=\$20,182 Project total=\$134,367
- **Alger County Watershed Inventory: Burt and Onota Townships**, a Competitive Grant from the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (Apr 2001 – Apr 2002).
Grant=\$2000 Match=\$2000 Project total=\$4000

In addition, the District received the following grants and funding to address other resource protection and restoration concerns:

- **City of Munising Streetscape Restoration Project**, a DNR Community Forestry Grant to replant street trees in City of Munising. (CFG 10-01, FY 2010). Grant = \$3,125; Match = \$7,889; Project total = \$10,534.
- **RRIP-IT-UP**, a project funded by NFWF through the UP RC&D to establish early detection and rapid response teams for invasive plants and implement control efforts across the U.P. Funding included work in Alger County, contractual work in Schoolcraft County, and a competitive grant for a demo project at Au Train Beach. (2010-2011) Grant = \$10,829; Match = \$23,617; Project total = \$34,446.
- **Alger Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Monitoring Program**, an initiative to continue EAB monitoring in 2010 and 2011 after existing program was ended by state funding cuts. Funding partners included county & township governments, UPPCO, and the Sault Tribe. (2010-2011). Grants = \$5,173; Match = \$3,100; Project total = \$8,273.

- **Multiple outreach and management contracts from the UPRC&D** for outreach and invasive species management; Contract total = \$80,787

District activities and overhead are partly funded by the spring tree and wildflower sales. In addition to fulfilling the District's reforestation and restoration objectives, these sales net a total of \$5,000 to \$8,000 per year. The County supplies in-kind support in the form of office space, and the City of Munising and several townships provide financial support by entering into loan agreements and Contracts for Services. The state of Michigan has not provided any operations funding since FY2008 and is not expected to do so at any time in the foreseeable future. However, in August 2018, County voters approved an operations millage of .25 mills for a period of ten years, which is expected to provide approximately \$93,000 in annual funding.

DISTRICT STAFF

Teri Grout has been the ACD Executive Director since 2008. She has a B.S. in Biology with a minor in Geology and an A.A. in Art. She administers and writes grants, develops and presents public workshops and events, performs bookkeeping and office duties, administers reforestation and native plants programs and sales, develops and disseminates media outreach and publications, acts as liaison with government agencies and entities, performs field work, and supervises field and office interns.

Christy Foye is the new Conservation Program Coordinator as of December 2018. She serves as administrative assistant to the Executive Director, assists with grant and District outreach, and leads staff, volunteer, and intern crews during the field season. Christy assists in day to day office operations including, database management, outreach and organizing local events. She also supervises seasonal field crews in invasive species management. She has an ecology degree from Northern Michigan University and a background in invasive plant management.

Matt Watkeys is the district forester for the Alger and Marquette Conservation Districts. He assists private landowners in all manner of forest-related questions and assists in delivery of Qualified Forest and NRCS EQIP programs, acts as liaison to forestry professionals, and presents educational programs for local youth.

Misa Cady is the NRCS District Conservationist for Alger and Marquette Conservation Districts. The District Conservationist conducts outreach, program signups, landowner assistance visits, Farm Bill program administration, and other services and assistance to county landowners.

Landen Tetil is the Produce Safety Technician for the UP, assisting farmers with evaluation of on-farm produce safety practices and certification.

Holly Wendrick Moss is the technician for the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP), serving Alger, Marquette, Delta, Schoolcraft, Luce, and Dickinson Counties. She provides on-site and in office technical assistance to producers and landowners for these programs.

RESOURCE ASSESSMENT SURVEY METHODS and ANALYSIS

In 2016, District staff developed a new resource assessment survey based on the survey conducted in 2011. The survey (Appendix A) was direct mailed to nearly 5,000 households countywide. It was also mailed to partner agencies and government entities and distributed at outreach events.

The resource concerns survey requested basic demographic information from respondents, asked them to rank land use, water quality, and wildlife and habitat issues in order of importance, and asked them about their awareness of, participation in, and prioritization of Alger Conservation District programs. Staff compiled data into a spreadsheet (Appendix B), and a Strategic Plan Committee composed of staff and board members incorporated results into the following Long-Range Implementation Plan. To a large extent, most respondents' priorities coincided with much of the District's current activities and focus, and these priorities form the backbone of the implementation plan.

The 2016 Resource Assessment and Long-Range Implementation Plan will be used to guide the efforts of the Alger Conservation District for the next five years.

PRIORITIZED RESOURCE CONCERNS from highest number of citations to lowest

Land Use Issues

- 1a.** Spread of invasive species
- 2a.** Forest management
- 3a.** Overuse & poor use of recreational areas
- 4a.** Preservation of natural areas
- 5a.** Local food production & small farm opportunities

*Urban Sprawl and loss of farmland were rated less than 10 times each.

Water Quality Issues

- 1b.** Invasive plants and animals
- 2b.** Soil erosion and sedimentation
- 3b.** Protection of recreational waters
- 4b.** Groundwater contamination
- 5b.** Lake and stream cleanup
- 6b.** Inadequate septic systems
- 7b.** Surface water protection/management

*Loss of wetlands, agricultural cropland drainage, residential fertilizer use, storm water management, groundwater overuse, and agricultural land drainage were mentioned 5 times or less each.

Wildlife and Habitat Issues

- 1c.** Invasive plants and animals
- 2c.** Climate change
- 3c.** Destruction of wildlife habitat
- 4c.** Habitat restoration & management
- 5c.** Loss of native pollinators
- 6c.** Fragmentation of habitat
- 7c.** Restoration/management of wetlands

*Lack of public hunting access, wildlife survival, and wildlife damage to property/crops were mentioned less than 5 instances each.

Highest Priority ACD Services & Programs

- 1d.** Forestry site visits and assistance
- 2d.** Invasive species site visits and control
- 3d.** Invasive species workshop
- 4d.** Wildlife habitat assistance
- 5d.** Spring tree and wildflower sale
- 6d.** Stream monitoring
- 7d.** Native plant workshops and site assistance
- 8d.** Watershed improvement projects

*Invasive species volunteer days, student service learning programs, NMU student internships, fall native plant and tree sale, fruit tree workshops, Agri-Palooza student conservation fest, cost share for natural resource projects, watershed education, classroom programs, Facebook, ACD webpage, groundwater conservation assistance, and the county fair were all rated 5 or less mentions.

Suggested New Programs or Improvements (what could ACD add)

- 1e.** Classroom programs
- 2e.** Entice small businesses to move in, limit tourism
- 3e.** Fire protection management
- 4e.** Forest optimization for timber production, soil testing/feedback, disease ID info
- 5e.** Habitat improvement for over-hunted/over-predated animals
- 6e.** Help residents become more aware of programs ACD already offers
- 7e.** Herbicide demonstrations for controlling invasive plants/invasive plant ID on residence
- 8e.** Hobby farming, tree management, gardening techniques & water
- 9e.** How to start a compost pile, hoop houses and how to use them

- 10e. Identification of local wild edibles and uses
- 11e. Landscaping know-how/workshop
- 12e. More pruning workshop opportunities
- 13e. Workshops in Grand Marais on gardening, forests, invasive species and deer habitat
- 15e. Renewable energy workshops, recycling and recycling centers
- 17e. Storm drain runoff
- 18e. Wetland workshops/ Cox Pond & Sand Point classroom programs

*All of these subjects were listed by at least one person. Recycling and hoop houses were listed twice by separate people.

ALGER CONSERVATION DISTRICT LONG-RANGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Based on the input from our stakeholders, our existing programs and available funding, Alger Conservation District will focus on the following activities over the next five years.

WATERSHED PROTECTION PROGRAM

GOAL: Restore compromised streams, coastline, and crossings

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 1a,3a, 6a, 7a, 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 11b, 1c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 3d, 5d, 14d, 25d,14e.

ACTIVITIES:

- Prioritize in-stream habitat restoration with private and commercial forestland partners; seek funding through DNR Aquatic Habitat and other grants.
- Continue MiCorps stream monitoring using volunteers and available funding.
- Prioritize culvert restoration projects as identified through crossing inventory, partnership with Alger Road Commission, & stakeholder outreach. Seek funding.

GOAL: Expand protection programs to other watersheds in county

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 1a,3a, 5a, 6a, 7a, 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, 10b, 11b, 12b, 13b, 1c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 3d, 5d, 14d, 25d, 4e, 7e, 9e, 14e.

ACTIVITIES:

- Seek grant monies for planning and restoration projects for other watersheds within Alger County.
- Continue networking with other agencies and organizations to coordinate efforts and funding for large-scale watershed projects.

GOAL: Compile baseline assessment information to prioritize watershed restoration activities.

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 2b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 11b, 3c, 6c, 7c, 3d, 5d, 8d, 13d, 14d, 20d, 4e, 7e, 14e.

ACTIVITIES:

- Continue to monitor macroinvertebrate & vertebrate population and habitat assessments in key watersheds using interns, volunteers, and students.
- Utilize road stream crossing inventory for county, assessing not only sedimentation but also connectivity and biological parameters, using staff and intern labor. Consult with DNR Fisheries personnel to prioritize projects. Seek funding and partnerships.

GOAL: Encourage citizen involvement in watershed protection

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 5a, 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 11b, 2d, 3d, 5d, 8d, 13d, 14d, 15d, 20d, 7e, 14e

ACTIVITIES:

- Seek funding to revitalize Volunteer Water Monitoring program established under Michigan Clean Water Corps (MiCorps) grant, help purchase supplies, recruit and train volunteer monitors, and make program sustainable.
- Promote watershed protection via workshops and presentations.
- Seek volunteer cleanup money for overused/degraded riparian areas

INVASIVE SPECIES EDUCATION AND CONTROL PROGRAM

GOAL: Control infestations of non-native invasive species

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 1a, 3a, 6a, 1b, 2b, 9b, 1c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 1d, 2d, 4d, 10e.

ACTIVITIES:

- Continue to implement garlic mustard mapping & control using volunteers.
- Continue knapweed at Au Train Beach demo site; foster further cooperation with MDOT to potentially manage black locust.
- Continue raising Galerucella beetles for purple loosestrife biocontrol.
- Continue control work and mapping of purple loosestrife, spotted knapweed, Japanese knotweed, and other invasive species.
- Continue networking with other agencies via the Lake to Lake Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (L2L CISMA) to engage in large-scale control efforts and maximize efficiency of control.
- Seek funding to cooperate with adjacent counties and entities, recognizing that weeds do not respect civil boundaries.
- Communicate with individual landowners to educate and coordinate mapping and control.
- Seek additional grant funding and private landowner assistance.
- Certify at least one staff member as Commercial Pesticide Applicator.
- Establish fee-for-service/cost share program for priority species for which no adequate funding exists

GOAL: Educate public on threats posed by invasive species and encourage citizen involvement.

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 1a, 3a, 6a, 1b, 2b, 5b, 6b, 9b, 1c, 3c, 4c, 1d, 2d, 4d, 5d, 9d, 10d, 13d, 15d, 18d, 10e.

ACTIVITIES:

- Conduct invasive species workshops.
- Develop and conduct invasive species field ID days.
- Hold volunteer workdays at high-profile infestation sites.
- Disseminate general and in-house produced written materials and Conservation Corner articles.
- Perform site visits as requested to assist landowners in identification, control and restoration of invasive species on their lands.
- Work with lake associations, garden clubs, and other target groups to develop and implement group policies and control efforts.
- Maintain communications with volunteer Early Detection/Rapid Response team developed under RRIP-IT-UP grant in order to find and control new infestations while it is economically feasible.
- Attend regional educational conferences to keep abreast of new methods and developments.
- Network with sportsmen's groups and Munising and Grand Marais officials to increase awareness and prevent spread of aquatic invasives.

FORESTRY PROGRAM

GOAL: Promote general forest health and public awareness of issues, viewing "forestry" in the broadest sense, to include concerns about wildlife, recreation, soil and water conservation, forest health, and timber management.

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 1a, 2a, 4a, 1b, 1c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 1d, 9d, 10d, 12d, 16d, 17d, 25d.

ACTIVITIES:

- Assist landowners of properties of any size, from large wilderness tracts to small urban backyards, with questions concerning control of pests, plant diseases, and invasive species, forest health, wildlife habitat management, maintenance of native biodiversity, tree planting, use of native plants in conservation practices, windbreak establishment, erosion control, urban and community forestry, harvesting options and marketing information, timber stand improvement, ecosystem services.
- Conduct annual tree health workshop or other workshops as appropriate.
- Provide on-site and in-office technical assistance to landowners regarding carbon sequestration and watershed protection
- Provide referrals to private sector resources when appropriate.

GOAL: Encourage the management of non-industrial private forest lands.

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 2a, 3a, 4a, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 1d, 9d, 10d, 14d, 16d, 17d, 25d.

ACTIVITIES:

- Perform site visits and provide written management options for landowners based on the clients' objectives and best management practices.
- Promote Farm Bill forest management programs and Qualified Forest Program participation via media outreach, workshops, and word-of-mouth.

NATIVE SPECIES AND HABITAT RESTORATION PROGRAM

GOAL: Promote awareness and utilization of native plants and habitats

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 1a, 2a, 3a, 1b, 2b, 9b, 11b, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 1d, 6d, 7d, 9d, 10d, 16d, 21d, 22d, 23d, 24d, 3e, 6e, 14e.

ACTIVITIES:

- Maintain native planting at courthouse as demonstration area and create matching flyer to promote native wildflowers.
- Continue to hold annual native plants workshop; develop native plants and/or grasses field workshops.
- Seek additional outreach opportunities among suitable target groups (garden clubs, lakeowner associations).
- Promote the establishment of filter strips, greenbelts and wildlife corridors; native plants in conservation practices and landscaping; and native trees and shrubs in stream and buffer plantings via educational workshops, wildflower and plant sales, press releases and publications.
- Educate landowners about threatened and endangered plant and animal species.

AGRICULTURE AND GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

GOAL: Educate and encourage implementation of conservation practices through the NRCS financial and technical assistance conservation programs, such as the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP).

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 2a, 4a, 8a, 3b, 4b, 6b, 9b, 10b, 12b, 13b, 1c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9d, 10d, 11d, 14d, 17d, 23d, 25d, 12e.

ACTIVITIES:

- Maintain information about Farm Bill programs at office.
- Disseminate press releases to coincide with signup periods.
- Contact appropriate landowners about suitable programs.

GOAL: Promote MAEAP program.

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 4a, 3b, 4b, 6b, 8b, 10b, 13b, 5d, 11d, 23d, 25d.

ACTIVITIES:

- Educate the public on Farm*A*Syst, Crop*A*Syst, Livestock*A*Syst and other assessment tools to reduce nutrient-source (fertilizer/manure) and pesticide-source contaminating surface and groundwater.
- Work one-on-one with MAEAP Technician on promotion of program.
- Assist producers in getting cost-share if it becomes available.
- Support local groundwater education in the community.
- Contact appropriate landowners about MAEAP programs.

GOAL: Address groundwater contamination issues and landowner concerns

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 2b, 3b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 10b, 13b, 3d, 11d, 2e, 9e, 16e.

ACTIVITIES:

- Assist Alger County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority by providing technical assistance.
- Provide technical assistance to landowners in closing abandoned wells and with septic system concerns.
- Provide education to citizens on threats to water from household hazardous waste and agricultural chemicals; provide referrals for disposal.
- Promote natural shoreline restoration.
- Identify areas within the county where used oil and batteries can be recycled.
- Investigate additional recycling options in county.

YOUTH EDUCATION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM

GOAL: Promote conservation education and development of conservation ethic among young people

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 4d, 8d, 13d, 15d, 18d, 20d, 22d, 5e.

ACTIVITIES:

- Provide in-class ecology and conservation presentations.
- Involve students in field and service learning projects.
- Work with teachers, schools, scout, and 4H groups to plan and fund suitable projects.
- Seek funding and opportunities to continue intern program with NMU.
- Continue and expand annual Agri-Palooza event.
- Collaborate with other agencies (Michigan Works, Sault Tribe) to seek funding for youth education, field study, and work crew initiatives in

order to promote both resource stewardship and local economic health.

GENERAL PUBLIC EDUCATION AND AGENCY OUTREACH

GOAL: Disseminate information about District services, events, opportunities, and accomplishments.

RESOURCE CONCERNS ADDRESSED: 5a, 21d, 22d, 23d, 24d; but this topic involves almost all concerns cited.

ACTIVITIES:

- Maintain District web site with regular updates.
- Distribute an annual newsletter in conjunction with spring (and potentially fall) tree sales as widely as funds will allow.
- Maintain Facebook page and keep abreast of evolving social networking opportunities.
- Distribute regular press releases, Conservation Corner articles, and PSAs to local news media as appropriate.
- Host public workshops as outlined in specific Activities listed above.
- Continue presence at public events such as the Alger County Fair, Munising Farmers Market, and Pictures Rocks Days.
- Speak to county and to each township and municipality at least once a year to update them on District activities; mail officials Annual Report, newsletters and other updates as appropriate.
- Provide presentations to civic organizations as opportunities arise.
- Attend interagency meetings to establish and maintain networks.
- Cooperate with and assist Alger Parks and Recreation on large-scale initiatives such as Au Train Recreation Area trail plan.