

# NATURAL AREA PRESERVATION

*NAP's mission is to protect and restore Ann Arbor's natural areas and foster an environmental ethic within the community.*



## Nature Stewardship VOLUNTEER REWARDS

Attend NAP events in  
2023 to receive points!

$$\boxed{1 \text{ event}} = \boxed{1 \text{ point}}$$

Register now for NAP  
events at [vhub.at/NAP](https://vhub.at/NAP)  
and start earning points!

Find volunteer  
rankings through  
June as well as  
prize information  
on page 5

## Greenbelt Program's Buy-Protect-Sell Initiative

*Rosie Pahl Donaldson, Supervisor, Land Acquisition*

The City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt program has issued its first-ever Request for Proposal (RFP) for farmers interested in purchasing affordable farmland in the Ann Arbor area. Farmers are invited to submit a proposal to buy protected farmland being sold at a reduced price thanks to the Greenbelt's buy-protect-sell initiative. Submissions are due by Monday, September 11, 2023.

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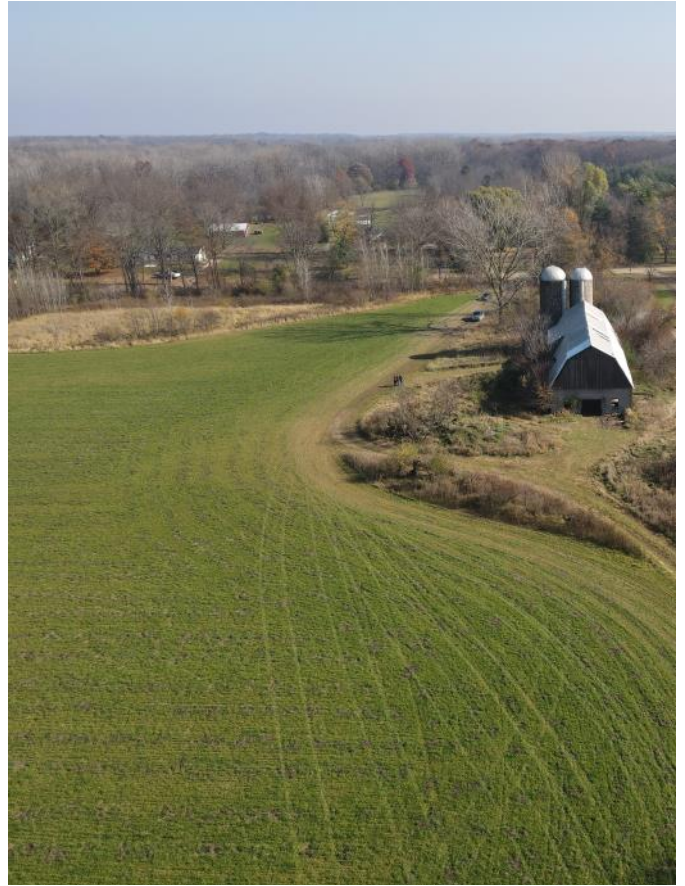
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The Greenbelt's buy-protect-sell initiative is a new effort to create equitable and affordable farmland purchasing opportunities surrounding Ann Arbor. Purchasing opportunities will be listed on [MiFarm-Link](#) as they become available, as well as the [Greenbelt's homepage](#).

Under the new buy-protect-sell initiative, the first purchasing opportunity is located on Nollar Road in Northfield Township. The 54-acre farm is being sold in two parts: a 20-acre "North Parcel" and a 34-acre "South Parcel." Applicants can submit proposals to purchase either parcel, or both.

The property will be available for viewing prior to the proposal submission deadline during two open houses – one on Saturday, July 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and one on Thursday, July 27 from 4 to 7 p.m. During this time, attendees will have the opportunity to see the property, structures, and woodlands, and discuss the proposal/sale process with City of Ann Arbor staff. [Registration](#) is strongly recommended, though not required.



In 2003, residents of Ann Arbor approved the Greenbelt Millage, which authorized a 30-year, 0.5 mil tax levy to provide funds for the preservation and protection of open space, natural habitats, and agricultural lands. To date, the Greenbelt program has successfully helped to preserve 7,600+ acres of land. A majority of that has been achieved by acquiring conservation easements on private land that permanently restrict the property's use, safeguarding its use for agricultural, recreational or conservation purposes. Although funded by different millages, the Greenbelt program is housed in the NAP office.

# NAPPENINGS

## Staff Updates

Welcome



**Josh Doyle**  
Conservation Crew

I am a student at MSU working on a Sustainable Parks, Recreation, and Tourism degree. I have been employed within Ann Arbor's Park

system in various positions since 2015, including a crew leader at GIVE 365, a zamboni driver, and on the NAP crew from 2019–2020. In recent years, I have worked as an Arborist, followed by working as a Ranger at Belle Isle State Park. I'm thrilled to be back out in the field!



**Gabby DeMott**  
Conservation Crew

Hello, hello! I am NAP's newest crew member and very excited to be out serving Ann Arbor's parks and natural areas. I've worked for

the city since I was 16 and found it such a wonderful place that I decided to stay post-graduation! I just finished my Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies at U-M with a focus on public health. I am particularly interested in the ways natural areas support human health and how people, in return, can promote the health of natural areas. When I'm not working, you can probably still find me out enjoying the city parks; feel free to say hello! (Especially if you have a dog!)



## Thank you!

*Many thanks to the individuals and groups who helped out with volunteer work or other support during May and June. We could not make such a difference without you!*

- Ann Arbor Senior Center
- Community High School
- Criteo
- Girl Scout Troop 40739
- Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor
- Tree Town Trail Runners
- Troop 7
- UM Cernak Lab
- UM Ford School of Public Policy
- Verizon

# EVENTS

## July-August

### Volunteer Workdays

Find full details  
at [a2gov.org/NAPEvents](https://a2gov.org/NAPEvents)

- Ruthven 7/22
- Barton 7/25
- Furstenberg 7/30
- Furstenberg 8/1
- Olson 8/5
- Buttonbush 8/8
- Kuebler Langford 8/20
- Gallup Wet Prairie 8/26



### Fall Shorebird Walk

Mary Beth Doyle

Sunday, September 10

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Register at: [nap.a2gov.org/  
BirdWalk091023](https://nap.a2gov.org/BirdWalk091023)

Join NAP's ornithologist, Juliet Berger, and other enthusiastic bird watchers for a tour of this bird-rich nature area. The paths around the wetlands are wheelchair accessible, but the paths in the wooded area are not.

We'll search the ponds for shorebird species and others, like the secretive Black-crowned Night-Herons that we believe nest nearby. If we have time, we'll search the woods and trails for migrating Warblers and other songbirds.

*You're  
invited!*

# NAP VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY

Friday  
September 15  
5 to 8 p.m.

Island Park Shelter B  
1420 Island Dr.

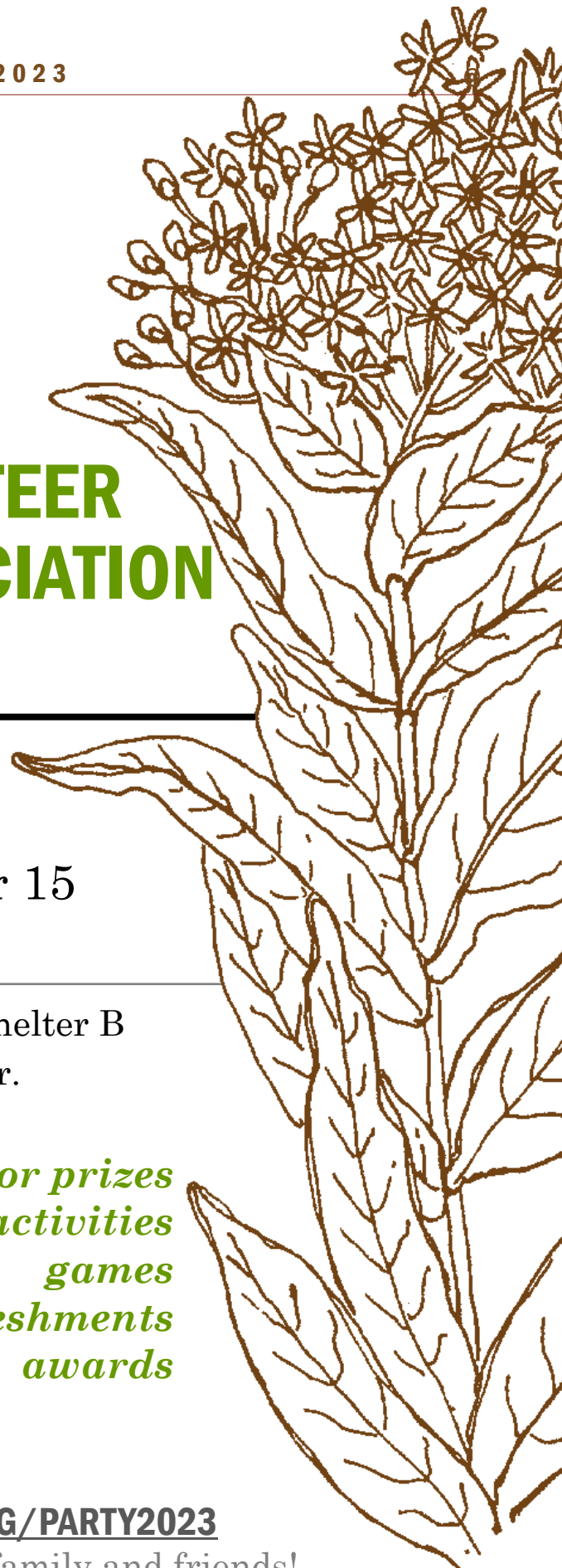
*door prizes  
nature activities  
games  
refreshments  
awards*

**RSVP:**

**[NAP.A2GOV.ORG/PARTY2023](https://NAP.A2GOV.ORG/PARTY2023)**

Bring family and friends!

*We hope to see you there!*



# Nature Stewardship VOLUNTEER REWARDS RANKINGS



*bur oak*

prize: exclusive NAP event

**30** points

Brooks C.                      Craig P.                      Ron E.                      Scott L.



*buttonbush*

prize: NAP hoodie

**14** points

Alec A.                      Brian G.                      Jen R.                      Peter S.  
Annika M.                      Dan P.                      Jim Y.                      Richard G.  
Brad S.                      Dave C.                      Liz G.                      Tiffany N.



*big bluestem*

prize: NAP shirt\*

**6** points

Angel F.                      Chris S.                      Ish H.                      Lucas C.                      Rob D.  
Antoni W.                      Donald M.                      Jamie H.                      Margaret F.                      Shari R.  
Audra E.                      Donna P.                      Jerome P.                      Margot M.                      Stephanie H.  
Bill N.                      Eileen H.                      Joe R.                      Mark C.                      Tricia J.  
Bowe Z.                      Elizabeth H.                      Jonathan P.                      Mark T.                      Victor C.  
Carmela B.                      Ellen W.                      Keith B.                      Markus B.                      Walter P.  
Carol M.                      Elyce R.                      Ken H.                      Molly B.                      Yvonne B.  
Catherine R.                      Emily B.                      Linda B.                      Muhammad A.  
Chiaki H.                      Hannah S.                      Lisa J.                      Olivia B.

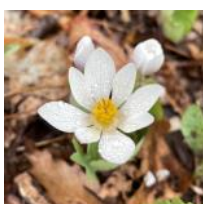


*bee balm*

prize: NAP cap

**3** points

Abi L.                      Daniel H.                      Gwyn J.                      Kristin L.                      Stacy M.  
Alison A.                      David C.                      Hajune K.                      Louise W.                      Steven G.  
Amy K.                      Derek S.                      Izzy S.                      Marisa M.                      Sydney A.  
Anya K.                      Donald G.                      Jacob Z.                      Meghan T.                      Tracy B.  
April G.                      Doug W.                      Jasmine N.                      Milton P.                      Vanya K.  
Ashley K.                      Eliot A.                      Jason F.                      Priscilla D.                      Yuna H.  
Ben G.                      Elizabeth S.                      Joe K.                      Rebecca K.                      Zach F.  
Bob Z.                      Ellie A.                      Johnna M.                      Renée H.  
Carol L.                      Erika N.                      Judy S.                      Rob R.  
Catherine L.                      Ethan L.                      Justin I.                      Sawako S.  
Christine S.                      Gina K.                      Karin M.                      Sepi Y.  
Cooper A.                      Guillermo M.                      Kayra G.                      Sophia M.



*bloodroot*

prize: NAP 2023 pin

**1** point

**926 volunteers!**

Points displayed here are what have been recorded in VolunteerHub as of June 30, 2023

\*We will no longer be giving out t-shirts at the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Party—so get leveled-up to get your shirt this year!!