

NATURAL AREA PRESERVATION

2023

YEAR END REPORT

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CONSERVATION OPERATIONS 2023



Becky Hand
Stewardship Supervisor



Em Livingston
Conservation Crew



Juliet Berger
Ornithologist



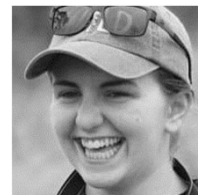
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Stewardship Supervisor



Brady Friss
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*left NAP in 2023



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*left NAP in 2023



Tina Stephens
Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator



Gallup Park sedge meadow through the seasons

DECADES OF CONSERVATION

The City of Ann Arbor is home to two exceptional conservation ventures: the Natural Area Preservation (NAP) division of Parks & Recreation which stewards and restores our natural communities, and the pioneering Greenbelt program that permanently protects agricultural and natural lands surrounding Ann Arbor. The overlapping visions of these efforts were born of exceptional investments from a community deeply grounded in conservation. Both programs saw a future rooted in the stewardship and protection of our natural resources and understood these ventures offered solutions to the challenges we faced in the decades ahead.

The programs, the staff, and the spirit are dynamic, evolving, and innovative.

Each trailblazing for their time – with NAP’s inception in 1993, and the Greenbelt’s a decade later in 2003 – the programs have worked diligently and persistently for decades, growing into what are now exemplary pillars of conservation in our community.



NAP, now thirty years on, and the Greenbelt at twenty years, are all but static undertakings. The programs, the staff, and the spirit are dynamic, evolving, and innovative. This past year serves as a potent example of these program's dedication to their conservation missions and to progress.

The Greenbelt broke new ground in 2023. Years in the making, the Greenbelt launched its first-ever buy-protect-sell (BPS) affordable farmland purchasing opportunity. BPS is a new acquisition framework that fulfills the Greenbelt's primary objective of permanent land conservation, while also providing for secondary outcomes aimed at addressing farmland insecurity and local food system development in the Ann Arbor area.

The nature of BPS acquisitions results in greater risk and complexity for the Greenbelt to navigate, but – all the same – staff have carried out these innovations with grace and proficiency. At their last meeting of the calendar year, City Council approved the sale of the Greenbelt's first two BPS properties, signaling the final City-approval needed to conclude this proof-of-concept project.

All this is to say, new opportunities and developments are rising from the City's conservation horizon. As pillars of our community's conservation ethic, both NAP and the Greenbelt are unrelenting in their dedication to visioning, building out, and sustaining this community's conservation success story. **This year's accomplishments exemplify that ardent work.**

NAP underwent its first-ever strategic planning process; engaging partners, stakeholders, focus groups, and the public yielded crucial feedback that reinforced the values NAP has long embodied, and offered us new ideas to leverage as the mission adapts to shifting ecological and social conditions. This process came across several staffing transitions, testing the division's ability to balance delivering consistent programming while also looking toward the future with openness and resolve.

I couldn't be prouder to say that NAP struck that balance, showed unwavering commitment to growth, and is – at long last – operating at full capacity once again. My sincerest thanks for the staff and the public that took part in this necessary process to define NAP's guiding start for the decades ahead.



Remy Long
Deputy Manager, NAP
and Land Acquisition





CONSERVATION CREW



controlled burns 13%



revegetation 1%



trail work 17%

includes **95**
tree-over-trail
blockages cleared

2,749

hours worked

invasive species
control 70%

“We were well prepared by our guide to do good service and *learned a lot along the way.*”



“We very much appreciated how the staff were both professional and friendly. Their approach made the event purposeful and enjoyable. We love that this city has such programs and the people making it happen are wonderful. Thanks!”

“It was great, thank you!! Hopefully I will see you all soon! My arms and legs definitely have been hurting for the last two days but it was totally worth it :)”

PARK STEWARDS

3,704
hours volunteered

43
stewards

27
parks

**Molly Brookshire
Mark Charles
David Clipner
Dave Crockett
Brooks Curtis
Robin Damschroder
Tim Damschroder
Libby Davenport
Rob Davenport
Mary Duff-Silverman
Ron Emaus
Jason Frenzel
Richard Geglio
Donald Giacherio
Liz Giessner
Brian Glass
Ted Hejka
Ann Hubbard
Ray Hunter
Stephanie Hunter
Lisa Johnson**

**Margot Mehringer
Rita Mitchell
Karin Monnett
Tiffany Ng
Jeannine Palms
Jonathan Parker
Walter Parry
Alyssa Pozniak
Catherine Riseng
Bill Rosen
Scott Rosencrans
Eric Russell
Jennifer Rutkiewicz
Judy Schmidt
Manfred Schmidt
Peter Smith
Deb Vandebroek
Curtis Vincze
Jim Vincze
Ellen Ward
Doug Wood
Jim Young**



CONTROLLED BURNS



213
hours volunteered

18
volunteers

11 42
parks acres



***“Photo Essay:
Controlled
ecological burns
in Ann Arbor.”***

Check out this photo essay in the Michigan Daily with many dramatic shots of a burn day.



NEW TOOLS FOR LAND MANAGEMENT

These photos

are products of the City of Ann Arbor Parks drone, purchased a couple years ago. After staff earned a Commercial Drone License, NAP has used the drone to get another perspective of its natural areas, promote our burn work, and test its potential to aid land management.





“Our expectations were exceeded as we received a lot of useful information and our kiddos, seven and nine years old, were treated as part of the working team. We will be signing up for future events!”

“The workday leader was charismatic and kind and made the workday fun.”



AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE SURVEYS



Wood frog



Tiger salamander



Painted turtle laying eggs

FROG & TOAD SURVEY

200 hours **45** volunteers

SALAMANDER SURVEY

240 hours **42** volunteers

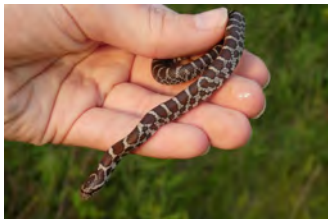
TURTLE STEWARDS

358 hours **68** volunteers

From March through June, volunteers visited listening points around the city 502 times. We recorded all 7 of the frog species we hope to find, and our one valiant toad, the American toad.

Special find: Volunteer Dan found a **blue-spotted salamander** at one of our frog listening points—where we had no idea salamanders might be breeding. This could be a new salamander site for us! We’ll follow up next spring with some live-traps to see what’s going on.

Special find: Volunteer Keith found a **yellow-bellied slider** turtle in Argo Pond. This is a close relative of the more common and widely-released red-eared slider (the two are subspecies of the same species). Neither subspecies is native to Michigan, so it’s a safe bet that this slider was released



Eastern milk snake

SNAKE OBSERVATIONS

Volunteer Antoni found a couple of juvenile **eastern milk snakes** just outside of Oakwoods Nature Area. This species is not rare in the state, but very rare in the city. These snakes were at a site he has been checking for years, why there now? Could they be released captives? Another mystery.

here or is descended from turtles brought here in the recent past. It’s a new type of turtle to watch for!

A SPECIAL WILDLIFE FIND

Queens of the Huron

QUEEN SNAKE

Regina septemvittata

Regina (queen)

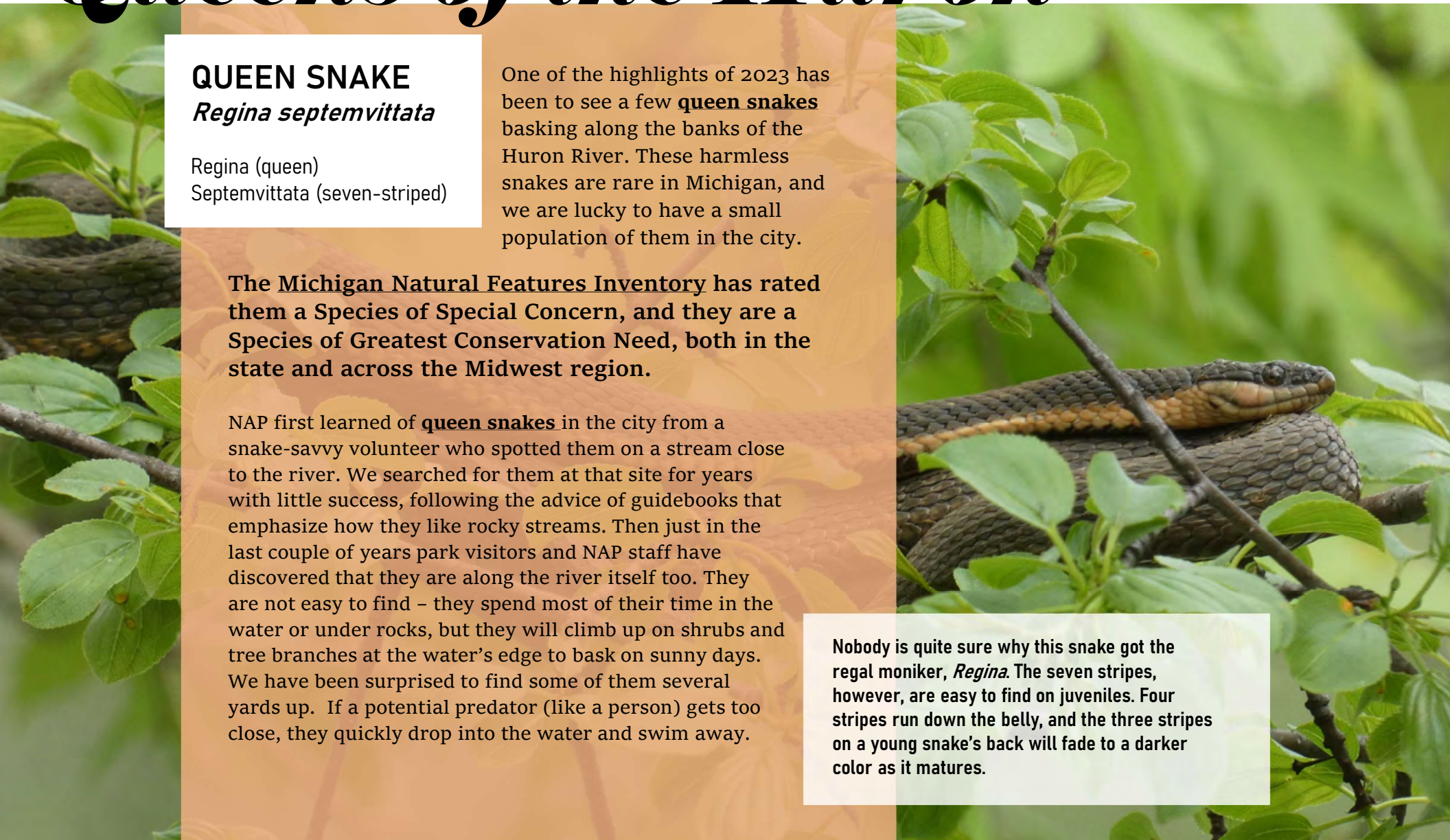
Septemvittata (seven-striped)

One of the highlights of 2023 has been to see a few **queen snakes** basking along the banks of the Huron River. These harmless snakes are rare in Michigan, and we are lucky to have a small population of them in the city.

The Michigan Natural Features Inventory has rated them a **Species of Special Concern**, and they are a **Species of Greatest Conservation Need**, both in the state and across the Midwest region.

NAP first learned of **queen snakes** in the city from a snake-savvy volunteer who spotted them on a stream close to the river. We searched for them at that site for years with little success, following the advice of guidebooks that emphasize how they like rocky streams. Then just in the last couple of years park visitors and NAP staff have discovered that they are along the river itself too. They are not easy to find – they spend most of their time in the water or under rocks, but they will climb up on shrubs and tree branches at the water’s edge to bask on sunny days. We have been surprised to find some of them several yards up. If a potential predator (like a person) gets too close, they quickly drop into the water and swim away.

Nobody is quite sure why this snake got the regal moniker, *Regina*. The seven stripes, however, are easy to find on juveniles. Four stripes run down the belly, and the three stripes on a young snake’s back will fade to a darker color as it matures.



A SPECIAL WILDLIFE FIND: QUEEN SNAKES

QUEEN SNAKES look a bit like **garter snakes** but lack the light-colored stripe down the middle of the back, and unlike any other Michigan snake, they have stripes running down their bellies. If you see a snake along the river, we'd be glad to know about it, and we'd love to see a picture if you can get one. It might be a queen! Can you find all three **queen snakes** in the honeysuckle on this page?



QUEEN SNAKES

Rare, shy, and picky

Queen snakes are specialists – they need particular habitat types and are very picky eaters. Like all snakes they are predators, but these snakes pretty much only eat one kind of prey. More than 90% of their diet is **freshly-molted crayfish**. The snakes seek out these “softshell” crayfish in streams and near the shores of ponds and lakes, especially in rocky narrow streams where crayfish flourish in the pools and can hide in the rocks. Human activity has greatly reduced the quality of these habitats, and so the species seems to be in decline.

BREEDING BIRD SURVEY

172
species

495
hours

55
volunteers



Young Black-crowned Night-herons

Black-crowned Night-herons (SC) at Mary Beth Doyle continue to be the stars of twilight, with several youngsters and adults showing well throughout the breeding season. **Marsh Wrens** (SC) nested at Swift Run pond this year, with at least 5 males singing in the cattails through the season. **Red-shouldered Hawks** (SC) continued at Wheeler Service Center. **Trumpeter Swans** (SC) had 2 nesting attempts, one at Wheeler Service Center, and one at the Water Treatment Plant settling pond, both of which failed.

We also spotted an immature **Red-headed Woodpecker** (SC) at the Wheeler Service Center, leading us to presume that we have provided habitat for this rare woodpecker to nest.

Eastern Bluebird with green darner dragonfly



NEST BOX MONITORING

73
hours

11
volunteers

Our new Nest Box Monitoring program was a huge success, fledging at least **39 young Eastern Bluebirds** from **12 nesting attempts!**

Black-capped Chickadees, **House Wrens**, and **Tree Swallows** had a successful year, as well, with many nests and fledglings.

E, Endangered
In danger of extinction.

T, Threatened
Likely to become endangered.

E and T species are protected under the Endangered Species Act of the State of Michigan.

SC, Special Concern
SC species are not protected. Should these species continue to decline, they would be recommended for T or E status.

SC species are designated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

CUTTING EDGE SCIENCE: MOTUS TOWER INSTALLATION



In cooperation with the Kalamazoo Valley Bird Observatory and the Kalamazoo Nature Center, NAP facilitated the installation of a wildlife tracking tower at Huron Hills Golf Course. Called a Motus tower, it was installed as part of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant to establish towers across the state of Michigan. Ann Arbor was the last gap in the chain of towers that needed to be filled, so NAP was excited to facilitate the project.



Motus antennae detect birds and other organisms fitted with transmitter tags within a 15 km radius of each tower. Our tower has already detected two state listed birds: [Eastern Whip-poor-will](#) (T), and [Kirtland's Warbler](#) (E).



Information gained from Motus towers has immensely expanded researchers' knowledge of migration patterns in various species of birds, bats, and insects like [Monarch butterflies](#) and dragonflies. Knowing migration patterns will help us to better protect critical habitat for the migrating animals we love.

Wildlife tracking tower in Ann Arbor fills gap in statewide network.

Check out this October Michigan Radio article covering the tower installation.



Left: Becky Hand and Juliet Berger from NAP with John Brenneman and Rich Keith from Kalamazoo Nature Center



PHOTO MONITORING

567
photos

26
parks

31
volunteers

209 hours
volunteered

MILLER NATURE AREA PRECISE POINT 11

PROGRESS FROM SHRUB
CUTTING BY PARK STEWARDS.



SEPTEMBER 6, 2022



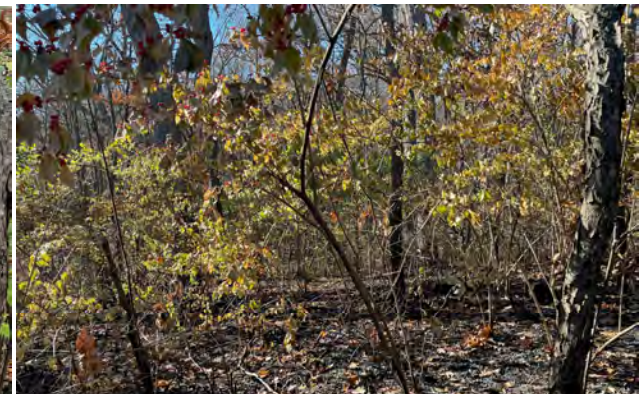
APRIL 18, 2023

LESLIE WOODS NATURE AREA PRECISE POINT 3B

HONEYSUCKLE AFTER A FALL BURN.



NOVEMBER 3, 2023



NOVEMBER 18, 2023

To see full galleries of photos taken at precise points in Ann Arbor natural areas, check out the [Photo Monitoring Web Map!](#)



BUTTERFLY SURVEY

302
butterflies

37
species

Butterfly volunteers traversed a total of 51 trail miles while conducting surveys!

80
hours

62
surveys

7
volunteers

EASTERN TIGER SWALLOWTAIL

Native species observed at the most parks

PEARL CRESCENT

Most observed native species



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Creative Adventures with the Natural World

Local K-5 students and their families spent time outside this fall engaging with nature by thinking like a squirrel, identifying insect habitat, and practicing fire-building techniques. Fun nature crafts tied the learning together with hands-on practice and mementos to bring home.





ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION: SENIORS

Artistic Exploration and Enrichment

Adults at the Ann Arbor Senior Center painted, printed, and journaled their way to a deeper appreciation of nature.



Recreating what we've observed in nature through creative practice can help reinforce the knowledge we've gained.

Painting native bird species can help break down the visual cues we use to identify them in the field.

Carving a leaf to create a block print allows the shape, lines, and textures to stand out in our mind's eye.

Constructing a journal for nature observations strengthens our connections to nature and our time spent there.

These simple techniques can bring much beauty and joy to artists and naturalists at any level.



GREENBELT AND PARKLAND ACQUISITION



Check out this [interactive map](#) of the Greenbelt properties.

Buy-Protect-Sell, Success

In 2003, residents of Ann Arbor approved the Open Space and Parkland Preservation Millage, authorizing a 30- year, 0.5 mil tax levy to provide funds for the preservation and protection of public and private open space, natural habitats, and agricultural lands in the Greenbelt area surrounding Ann Arbor.



After a year of planning, the City of Ann Arbor Greenbelt program issued its first-ever Request for Proposal (RFP) over the summer for farmers interested in purchasing conserved farmland at a reduced price via the Greenbelt's buy-protect-sell (BPS) initiative, a new effort to create equitable and affordable farmland purchasing opportunities surrounding Ann Arbor, adding more social benefits on top of continued land preservation.

This first purchasing opportunity was a farm on Nollar Road in Northfield Township being sold in two parts: a 20-acre "North Parcel" and a 34 -acre "South Parcel." Applicants could submit proposals to purchase either parcel, or both. Proposals mostly consisted of a business plan; the sale prices of the parcels were fixed. Six complete, competitive proposals from all local applicants were received.

At their December 18th meeting, City Council **passed resolutions** to sell the North Parcel to Matt Demmon and the South Parcel to Kristen Muelhauser. Both awardees operate their successful, five-year-old businesses on leased land and have not been able to access the costly land ownership market.

To date, the Greenbelt program has successfully helped to preserve 7,600+ acres of land.

Demmon's business, Feral Flora, grows native plants and seed for use in restoration projects and landscaping. Kristen's business, Rainsdance Organic Farm, grows vegetables and flowers and sells them at the Ann Arbor Farmers Market. Both will now be able to invest in the health of their land, have greater stability, and grow their businesses.

**“Appreciate the nature talk after and during the work.
*I can apply what I learnt in my own backyard.”***



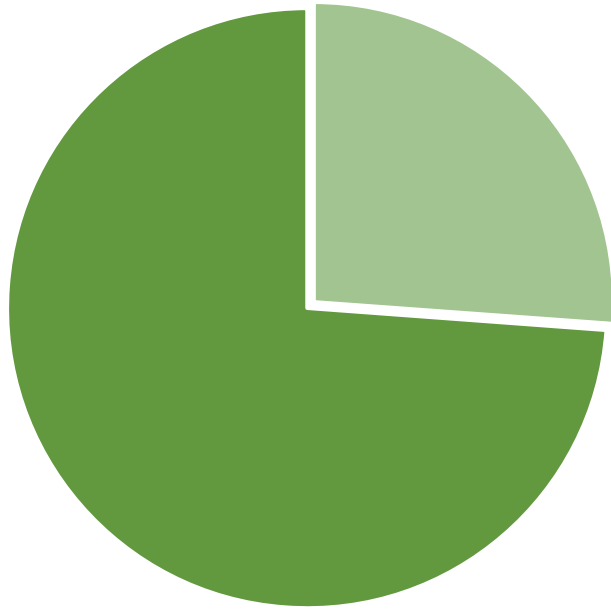
“It was a great event!”

“WELL ORGANIZED AND LOTS OF GOOD ENERGY FROM THE STAFF AND LEAD VOLUNTEER. THE NATURE WALK WAS INFORMATION PACKED.”

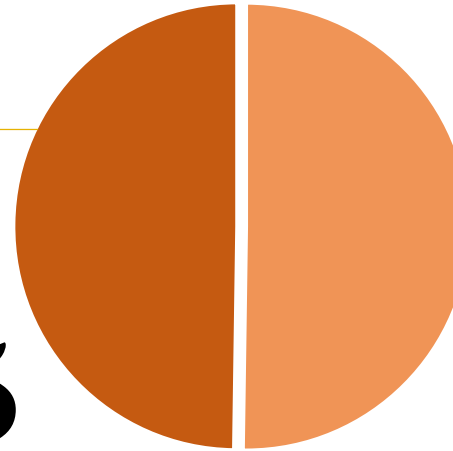
“I thought the staff did an excellent job leading this event. They were especially great at emphasizing the value/importance of the work we had done which I think was particularly good for the youngest volunteers.”



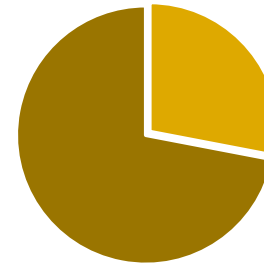
STEWARDSHIP WORKDAYS



6,055
hours volunteered
4,471 public
1,584 private



1,314
workday volunteers
654 public
660 private



125
workdays
90 public
35 private



PRIVATE GROUP VOLUNTEERING



2,839

hours
volunteered
by private groups

- Arbor Psychology Group
- Community High School
- Concordia University Cardinals Baseball
- Concordia University
- Criteo
- Cub Scout Pack 131
- EMU Women's Swim & Dive
- EMU The Goats
- Everactive
- Friends of Dicken Woods
- General Motors GPD Track Team
- Girl Scout Troop 7
- Girl Scout Troop 40739

- Girl Scout Troup 41602
- Greenhills School
- Hebrew Day School of Ann Arbor
- LGBT Outdoors
- Navitas Systems
- Singh & Kaur Foundation
- St. Mary Student Parish
- TRC
- Tree Town Trail Runners
- UM AKA Beta Eta
- UM Alpha Epsilon Delta
- UM Alpha Tau Pi
- UM Beta Mu Epsilon

- UM Cernak Lab
- UM Chi Epsilon
- UM Chi Psi
- UM Delta Gamma
- UM Epsilon Eta
- UM Ford School of Public Policy
- UM Global CO2 Initiative Student Assoc.
- UM LSA Student Government
- UM Medical Scientist Training Program
- UM Michigan Community Scholars
- UM Net Impact Undergraduate Chapter
- UM Program in the Environment Club
- UM Redefined

- UM Running Club/Mrun
- UM Sigma Gamma Tau
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Page 2 Controlled burn at Huron Parkway Nature Area, May 2023, by NAP Photographer

Page 4 Gallup Park Wet Meadow Precise Point 6B, May, June, early August, and late August 2023, by Photo Monitoring volunteer

Page 5 Stapp Nature Area Precise Point 7, April 2023, by Photo Monitoring volunteer

Page 6 *All photos by NAP Photographer:* Burn crew member walking through a burn at Cedar Bend Nature Area, March 2023; Common milkweed seeds; Crew member Gabby DeMott cutting a downed tree with a chainsaw

Page 7 Volunteers pull herbaceous invasives at Mary Beth Doyle Park, April 2023, by NAP Photographer; UM Epsilon Eta volunteers at Mary Beth Doyle Park, October 2023, by NAP Photographer

Page 8 Stapp Nature Area Precise Point 8 (reversed), May 2023, by NAP Photo Monitoring volunteer

Page 9 *All photos by NAP Photographer:* Controlled Burn Crew volunteer and staff at the water truck, May 2023; Controlled Burn Crew volunteers monitor a fire, May 2023; Controlled Burn Crew volunteers from AmeriCorps, November 2023; Controlled Burn Crew volunteer Dave, May 2023; Controlled Burn Crew volunteer Kristin, May 2023; Controlled Burn Crew volunteer Katy, May 2023; Controlled Burn Crew volunteers from AmeriCorps, November 2023; Controlled Burn Crew staff Leah, November 2023; Buhr Park wet meadow burn aerial, March 2023

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Page 11 *All photos by NAP Photographer:* Volunteers cutting shrubs at Foxfire West Nature Area, December 2023; Volunteer holding up herbaceous invasive plants at Mary Beth Doyle Park, April 2023

Page 12 Wood frog, by Amphibian and Reptile Survey volunteer, **Antoni Wierzbicki**; Tiger salamander, by Amphibian and Reptile Survey volunteer, **Antoni Wierzbicki**; Painted turtle laying eggs, by NAP Photographer; Eastern milk snake, by Amphibian and Reptile Survey volunteer, **Antoni Wierzbicki**

Page 13 Queen snake in buckthorn branches, by Amphibian and Reptile Survey volunteer, **Antoni Wierzbicki**

Page 14 Three queen snakes in shrub branches, by Amphibian and Reptile Survey volunteer, **Antoni Wierzbicki**; Queen snake on branch, by Amphibian and Reptile Survey volunteer, **Antoni Wierzbicki**

Page 15 Young Black-crowned Night-herons, by NAP Photographer; Eastern Bluebird with green darner dragonfly on bird house, by NAP Photographer

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Page 20 Photos of Environmental Education participants at the Ann Arbor Senior Center, by NAP Photographer; Sketches by Environmental Education participants at the Ann Arbor Senior Center

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