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OFFICE HOURS  
M-F 9:00 am-4:30 pm  
We are a field office with  
limited staff, so it's best  
to call ahead!

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District Board of Directors

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The mission of the Mason-Lake CD is to provide leadership and technical assistance to aid individuals, groups and units of government conserve, improve, educate, and sustain our natural resources and environment.

**Spring Tree Order Form Enclosed!**

**Return Service Requested**



*You're Invited to the:*

*Mason-Lake Conservation District  
Annual Meeting/Election/Dinner*

*February 27 @ 6:00 pm*

**Location:** Mason County Reformed Church, corner of US-10 & Amber Rd.

**Dinner:** Baked Ham, Baked Chicken, Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, & Dessert

**Guest Speaker:** Bruno Basso, Assoc. Professor of Geology at Michigan State University. He will be speaking on the use of Un-manned Aerial Vehicles in precision agriculture & limiting impacts on the environment.

**The program:** following dinner a short staff presentations about 2013 activities and plans for 2014. The evening will conclude with an award presentation, the director's election and door prizes. Please join us! **Tickets:** for dinner are \$12.00 and are available by contacting the District Office @ 757-3708 x3 or any of the directors, you can also pay at the door. **Please RSVP by Monday, Feb. 24th** so an accurate count can be made for dinner!

**Assistance Choosing  
Trees or Shrubs**

If you would like assistance in choosing which trees or shrubs would be best for your type of soil conditions you can find out on our website [www.mason-lakeconservation.org](http://www.mason-lakeconservation.org) or you can call the office for assistance and speak to Jordan, Seth or Pat. We also have a book in the office that will have descriptions of the seedlings being offered as well as what conditions they will thrive in. We aim at making your tree planting experience a success.



**MAEAP PHASE 1 MEETING - FEBRUARY 21, 2014**

A Phase 1 educational meeting will be held at the Bungalow Inn located on the corner of US-31 & Red Apple Rd. in Manistee. The program is being sponsored by Crop Production Services (CPS) of Bear Lake. Paul Mallon, Manager of CPS, will be giving a short presentation at the meeting. The meeting will begin at 9:30 am and conclude at 2:00 pm, lunch will be provided. Some of the subjects to be discussed will be MAEAP requirements, cover crops, USDA programs, fruit, vegetables, and other crop production issues. Risk reductions needed for MAEAP verification will also be discussed. This meeting will qualify as the required education component for MAEAP and RUP credits are being applied for. Visit our web site for additional information.



# Mason-Lake Conservation District Newsletter

Jordan DeVries  
Administrator/MAEAP Tech

Murray Stall  
MAEAP Technician

Pat Fricke  
Administrative Assistant

Partnered with:  
Seth Earl  
NRCS District Conservationist

Ken Chaltry  
NRCS Farm Bill Specialist



## 7th ANNUAL Household Hazardous Waste/Clean Sweep Collection Results!

The Household Hazardous Waste/Clean Sweep Collection was again well planned and carried out by the Manistee, Mason & Oceana Household Hazardous Waste Committee, and the Manistee, Mason-Lake and Oceana Conservation Districts during 2013. The event was August 17, 2013 and is now held the 3rd Saturday in August annually. The following are totals from the Mason County Collection.

13,448 #'s	Household Hazardous Waste (includes sharps, non-controlled pharmaceuticals)
1,940 #'s	Pesticides (disposal funded through MDA Clean Sweep)
591 #'s	Household Batteries
10 #'s	Controlled pharmaceuticals (taken by Sheriff's Dept.)
4,816 #'s	Oil (recycled)
20 #'s	Inkjet Cartridges/Cell phones (recycled)
8,590 #'s	Electronics/Appliances (recycled)
<b>31,078 #'s</b>	<b>Total weight collected in Mason County</b>

### Special thanks to:

- Mason County Road Commissioners for the use of their facility for this program.
- Mason County Sheriff, Pharmacist Patrick Powers and Nurse Peg Dittmer for volunteering to make our 3rd Pharmaceutical Disposal run smoothly.
- Committee members, funding sources, volunteers, donating businesses and conscientious participants who help make this program such a great success!!

**Mark your calendars!** The HHW/Clean Sweep & Pharmaceutical Collection will be held on **August 16, 2014 (3rd Saturday in August)** at the Mason County Road Commission garage just east of Scottville on US-10. Anyone interested in being on the HHW Committee, volunteering on Collection Day or if you have questions about this service call 231-757-3708 ext. 3.



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## MAEAP FALL TOUR

Seventy-five people attended the Mason-Lake CD's annual fall tour on September 12, 2013. The tour was sponsored by Mason County Farm Bureau and the Mason-Lake CD which highlighted accomplishments of the Michigan Agricultural Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) and the Natural Resource Conservation Service's (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentive Program. The tour began at the Farmview Resort and made stops along the way at Jeff Conklin's, Stakenas Farms, a wetland restoration area on Beyer Road, Dan Andersons, and the Springdale Farms rented ground on Groth Rd.

Featured at these sites were grassed waterways at Conklin's farm, an animal waste storage and recycling system for 500 milking cows at Stakenas Farm, Irrigation scheduling and uniformity at the Groth Rd stop, and proper fuel, fertilizer and chemical storage at the Anderson farm. Attendees traveled by bus to the different locations and listened to presentations by Seth Earl-NRCS, Cristina Curell-MSU Extension, Murray Stall and Jordan DeVries-MAEAP Technicians, William Stakenas-Producer and Dan Busby-Michigan Department of Ag. MAEAP verifier. The tour concluded at the Farmview Resort where a complimentary meal was provided for the group.



A Special Thank You to  
Mason County Farm Bureau  
and Farmview Resort for helping  
make the tour a success.

CD Monthly Board Meetings USDA Service Center	Jan. 9th Feb. 13th Mar. 13th @noon
MAEAP Phase 1 Meeting	Feb. 21st 9:00-2:00 @ The Bungalow In Manistee Co.
72nd ANNUAL MEETING/ ELECTION/ DINNER	February 27th Mason County Reformed Church @ 6:00 pm
Tree Order Deadline	April 1st
Tree Pick Up @ Mason Co. Fair Grounds	April 25th 9-5 April 26th 9-2