

SUPPORT HKCD FUNDING!

Governor Granholm is under pressure to balance Michigan's budget. Funding for Conservation Districts is under consideration for cuts. Please write or call the Governor and our State Representatives and let them know how important HKCD is to you. Please support full funding for your Conservation District. Our State Operations Grant of \$19,200 gives us a foundation to write many other grants with partners and contractors and bring funding to our area.

Over the past five years, the Houghton Keweenaw Conservation District (HKCD) has brought in more than \$1 million dollars of grant funding for natural resource projects and services in Houghton and Keweenaw Counties. Much of this grant funding comes from Federal sources. HKCD retains local businesses, contractors and professionals as well as our staff, volunteers and partners, to perform these activities.

Recent projects and services sponsored by HKCD include:

- Forestry Management Assistance including forester and logger referrals. HKCD manages a private landowner Forestry Program that serves landowners in Houghton, Keweenaw, Gogebic and Ontonagon Counties.
- Forest Pest Monitoring such as for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). HKCD manages this program for Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties.
- Land acquisition for public access, education and recreation including the Bete Grise Preserve and The Lizzadro Lakeshore Preserve.
- Conservation presentations for local schools located Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties.
- Watershed planning such as the Eagle River Watershed project in Houghton Township, Keweenaw County.
- Native and area hardy plants and trees at our Annual Tree Sale
- Stamp Sand Remediation projects with NRCS including Torch Lake Superfund Project of \$15,200,000. (USEPA Torch Lake Superfund Project Grant of \$15,200,000 and \$1,520,000 MDEQ match)
- Forestry and agriculture resource library
- Soil Survey clearing house for Houghton and Keweenaw Counties

Local Businesses and Individuals working on HKCD grant funded projects include:

- UP Engineers and Architects
- Michigan Technological University
- Bob Crampton Surveying
- John Hendrickson Excavating
- Gary Willis Forestry
- Green Timber Consulting Foresters, Inc.
- Jim Linn, Forester
- Bob Maki, Forester for Ontonagon and Gogebic Counties
- Rachel Tarpey, Forester for Houghton and Keweenaw Counties
- Janet Marr, Botanist
- The Mariner North
- Pizza Works, Econo Foods
- The Daily Mining Gazette, WMPL and WCCY Radio Stations
- Designotype, OfficeMax, Sayen's Business Equipment
- Lake Accounting
- B Dalton Books
- Copper Range Abstract & Title
- Fischer Insurance Company
- **Annual Tree Sale Vendors** in Michigan - Barwacz Farm, Engel's Nursery, Cold Stream Farm, Bruce Eppolite, Hilltop Fruit Trees, Lake Superior Tree Farms, Mason-Lake

Conservation District, Michigan Association of Conservation Districts, Swift True Value Hardware and Michigan Orchard Supply

Partners working with HKCD to provide funding and support include:

- Local units of government in Houghton County and Keweenaw County
- Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Upper Peninsula Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Michigan State University Extension Service
- Great Lakes Commission
- Michigan Arbor Day Alliance
- The Nature Conservancy
- Keweenaw Land Trust
- Trout Unlimited
- Gratiot Lake Conservancy
- South Shore Association
- National Wildlife Federation
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC)
- Keweenaw Economic Development Alliance (KEDA)
- Western UP Center for Science, Math & Environmental Education
- Louisiana-Pacific Corporation
- International Paper
- Tercha & Daavettila Attorneys (pro bono)
- Houghton and Keweenaw County Resident Volunteers

The natural resources of our State of Michigan cannot be replaced or duplicated. We have some of the finest natural resources in Houghton and Keweenaw Counties and our local economy is dependent on them. HKCD has demonstrated how grassroots public entities, i.e., Conservation Districts are the most effective and cost-efficient way to support natural resources programs for our constituents. HKCD leverages our small State appropriation into larger funding from federal and state agencies and non-government organizations to conduct useful projects and employ local services.

Cutting this State appropriation will be devastating to HKCD and most Districts in Michigan as well as to the citizens and natural resources that depend on us. By keeping the funding in place, we can continue to protect and enhance the natural resources of the State of Michigan.

Please write to:

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State Representative Mike Lahti, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514

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Senator Mike Prusi, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536

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Ask them to fully fund Conservation Districts. Our small budget is well leveraged and goes a long way toward protecting our natural resources and serving the citizens of Michigan.

Marsha Klein, HKCD Chairperson